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LATEST TELEGRAMS.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.)
"LOHENGRIIN" IN PARIS.
PARIS, September 19.—Only twenty of the persons taken into custody last night for creating disturbances on the occasion of the second performance of "Lohengrin" have been detained. One woman was arrested while haranguing the crowd and inciting them to acts of violence.

Among the other incidents which occurred at the Opera on Friday night, was the throwing of small vessels filled with sulphuric acid of ammonia into the orchestra. This violent action had long been threatened by the "patriots," who had expected to be able to carry it out on the night of the first performance of "Lohengrin." The small which was emitted by the exploded vessels was not strong enough to fill the house, but it caused considerable inconvenience to the musicians and to those of the audience who were sitting near them. A police officer who was on duty in the building went into the upper galleries in order to find out if possible the perpetrators of the outrage. According to a Reuter's telegram, about 11 o'clock, during the second act, the police made two somewhat important arrests in the house, in the persons of M. Morphy, the well-known violinist, who was one of the principal instigators of the demonstration; and M. Desvignes, a journalist on the staff of the *Matin*. They were charged with creating a disturbance. The total number of arrests made by the police is officially stated at 680.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.)
THE FLOODS IN SPAIN.
BARCELONA, September 18.—The press of this city has opened a subscription for the relief of the sufferers at Almeria and Consuegra. Each of the local newspapers will contribute 100 pesetas towards the fund.

MADRID, September 18.—It has been noticed that since the catastrophe the River Aragon has changed its course. The loss occasioned by the floods is now estimated at 20,000,000 pesetas. Reports have been received of floods in other parts of the country. At Barcelona, in the province of Huesca, the River Cinca has risen to an unprecedented height; while the Guadalen, in Andalusia, has overflowed and inundated the town of Veles-Rubio, in the province of Malaga.

(DALZIEL'S TELEGRAMS.)
SPAIN.
BARRITT, September 18.—The Spaniards residing here have organised a subscription for the relief of the victims of the recent inundations. A considerable sum of money has been collected, including 2,000 pesetas contributed by the Marquis of Esguiche.

PARIS, September 18.—The municipality of Madrid has passed a vote of thanks to the people of London for their aid to the victims of the inundation. The Madrid press praises in the highest terms the English papers who have come to the assistance of the victims by opening subscriptions in England. Theatres are organising performances in aid of the sufferers. The heat is excessive, and hastens the decomposition of the bodies. The director of the Board of Health accompanies the Minister of Public Works to Consuegra, where tents have been put up to shelter the poor. The ruined houses are being demolished as quickly as possible. About 1,000 corpses have already been buried, and several hundred more are awaiting interment. The *Iberia* says that Spain has contracted an eternal debt of gratitude towards the English nation.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.)
THE ROMANIAN ROYAL ROMANCE.
PARIS, September 18.—The *XXIXe Siecle* has received a telegram from Milan stating that Mlle. Vaccaro attempted to commit suicide on the night of the 14th inst. at Milan, where she is staying with her mother. She came to this decision in consequence of her separation from the Queen of Roumania, and that she cannot marry Prince Ferdinand. Mlle. Vaccaro swallowed the contents of a phial supposed to be laudanum. Immediate medical assistance was sent for. It is also stated that Mlle. Helene Vaccaro, who has already written several books, will now write a history of the recent events. This book will throw an entirely new light on the matter, which will be shown to be not quite so simple as is believed.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.)
PLOT TO BLOW UP A PRISON.
SAN FRANCISCO, September 18.—A plot to blow up the State prison at San Francisco was discovered yesterday. A quantity of dynamite was found concealed under the beds of seven convicts. Charles Backman, the leader, was serving a thirty-five years' sentence for burning a vessel in San Francisco Bay. The plan was to explode the dynamite under the building when 1,300 convicts were outside the building, and fifty guards inside. The latter's arms were to be seized and the survivors butchered, after which the prisoners would leave. The warden and his assistants are in a state of terror, not knowing when an explosion may occur. It is supposed that the mine exists underneath the walls. The guards have been doubled and armed with Winchester rifles and Gatling guns.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.)
EXPLOSION AT A GUNPOWDER MILL.
FARMINGTON (NEW JERSEY), September 18.—Messrs. Laffin and Rand's powder factory exploded yesterday. There were seventy-three persons in the building. The shock was felt for miles around, but there were no fatalities.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.)
CYCLONE IN NICARAGUA.
NEW YORK, September 18.—A despatch from Nicaragua states that a cyclone swept the country near Leon on September 17th, destroying houses and trees, and causing a panic. Many people were injured.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.)
FATAL HAILSTORM.
ROME, September 18.—A violent hailstorm yesterday visited the village of Marsioverre, Italy, destroying all the crops, and killing a large number of animals. Hailstones were gathered weighing 200 grammes each. Several of the inhabitants were killed.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.)
REPORT OF ASSASSINATION OF THE EX-PRESIDENT OF HONDURAS.
NEW YORK, September 19.—The *Herald* today publishes advice from Columbia stating that a report is current that General Bogran, ex-President of Honduras, has been murdered in his private office by a prominent adherent of General Marillas.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.)
THE GERMAN DEFEAT IN EAST AFRICA.
HAMBURG, September 18.—In view of the defeat of Lieutenant Zewelew's expedition by the Wahshe, in West Africa, the *Hamburger Nachrichten* today urges the revival of Prince Bismarck's instructions to Major von Wissmann, which conferred full powers upon the imperial commissioner, and made him responsible only to the Government in Berlin. The journal further recommends the strengthening of the German force in East Africa and the increase of the white element.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.)
ARTILLERY ACCIDENT.
TWO OFFICERS AND FOUR MEN INJURED.
BERLIN, September 18.—A serious accident to artillerymen is reported by the *Vossische Zeitung* from Jüterbog, a town forty miles from Berlin. The foot artillery of the guard were practising firing on the range, when a shell burst. A major and an armorer named Schmidt were seriously injured, while a captain, two gunners, and a hospital attendant were less severely hurt. Schmidt's recovery is doubtful.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.)
HURRICANE AT LIQUEUR.
NEW YORK, September 18.—The *Herald* has received the following telegram from Liqueur, dated yesterday:—"A hurricane raged here to-day, causing great damage to shipping. During the last hour it was accompanied by rain. Such an occurrence has previously been unknown here."

(REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.)
THE FAMINE IN RUSSIA.
ST. PETERSBURG, September 18.—With a view to facilitate the support of cattle in the district affected by the failure of the crops, the railway rates for the conveyance of fodder to those regions will be considerably reduced, as also the tariff for the transport of cattle from the affected districts to other Government areas.

(CENTRAL NEWS TELEGRAMS.)
THE SIGRI SCARE.
WHAT THE BRITISH SQUADRON DID.
CONSTANTINOPLE, September 18.—The British detached squadron left Port Nigri Mitylene, on Sunday, the 13th inst., for Stancio, on the route to Malta. From the 9th to the 12th inst. submarine mines were laid on an extensive scale, were carried on off Sigri. There were also several night attacks upon imaginary foes; the torpedo boats of the squadron. The special messenger who brought the foregoing information for one of the embassies here, further states that owing to the outbreak of small-pox on board H.M.S. Collingwood, all her officers and men had been re-vaccinated. There were still fifty cases of fever on board the *Trafalgar*, and forty-five on board the *Colossus*.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.)
THE BEHRING SEA.
NEW YORK, September 18.—Sir Julian Pauncefote, British Minister at Washington, has formally notified the State Department here that the *modus vivendi* arrived at with regard to the Behring Sea seal fisheries has been violated by the North American Commercial Company, who are alleged to have captured a larger number of seals than is prescribed by the international agreement.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.)
AN ENGLISH LADY KILLED IN SWITZERLAND.
BERNE, September 18.—A terrible accident resulting in the loss of two lives and serious injury to several persons occurred yesterday on the main coach road, near Burguen. Owing to the unusually heavy passenger traffic and the consequent additional pressure placed on the post office, it became necessary to put on a supplementary mail coach from Albul. This coach, with a full complement of mails and passengers, left at an early hour yesterday morning for Lens. All went well until, after a long and steep climb, the coach commenced a sharp descent near Burguen. Then the horses suddenly swerved at a dangerous spot, and the coach was thrown down a ravine, and fell a considerable distance. The vehicle was smashed, and two of its occupants, Miss Macgregor, an English lady, and a Swiss lady, Mlle. Lehmann, of Bern, were killed. Three other ladies were seriously injured, and one male passenger was badly hurt. Help was obtained from Burguen, whither the bodies of the two victims were taken, and the injured were attended to by doctors from the same place. The city is crowded with tourists, who are anxiously waiting further particulars of the sad disaster.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.)
MILITARY REVIEW BY PRESIDENT VITTE-LE-FRANCOIS.
PARIS, September 17.—M. Carnot arrived here at 9 o'clock to-day to attend the grand military review, and was received by General Sausier, who had the troops drawn up in line for the President's inspection. After having passed down their front, M. Carnot proceeded to the presidential stand, the bands playing the "Marseillaise." The review was a magnificent one, and was witnessed by a vast multitude.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.)
REPORTED DISCOVERY OF A NEW RACE OF PEOPLE.
HALIFAX (NOVA SCOTIA), September 17.—Professor Lee, chief of the Bowdoin College expedition party, has returned from Labrador. He claims to have discovered a

race of Montagnais Indians hitherto unknown to white men, and has brought back a valuable collection of natural history specimens. The fish species which he has collected are double the number previously known to exist in those waters.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.)
EX-PRESIDENT BALMACEDA.
PARIS, September 18.—A telegram from Buenos Ayres of to-day's date reports that ex-President Balmaceda has reached Mendoza, on the Argentine frontier.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.)
EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS IN THE UNITED STATES.
NEW YORK, September 17.—Several slight shocks of earthquake occurred at Portland, Oregon, yesterday. The disturbance was also felt at Salem, but no damage was done at either place.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.)
FATAL EXPLOSION NEAR PRAQUE.
PRAQUE, September 17.—A terrible explosion, attended by loss of life, occurred to-day at a percussion cap manufactory at Zizkov, near this city. It was caused by a workman dropping a flask containing a highly inflammable compound, which in dispersing set fire to other combustible contents of the building. The whole fabric almost immediately afterwards blew up with terrific force. Two workmen were killed, and the bodies of the others were hurled through the window into an adjoining field, a distance of twelve feet.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.)
THE PHYLLOXERA ON THE CONTINENT.
VIENNA, September 17.—Serious damage has been done to the vineyards in the Windisch Buehel district, South Styria, by the phylloxera vastatrix, which has been discovered on the American plants on which the indigenous vines had been grafted. The hope entertained that the damage done by phylloxera to vine culture generally might be repaired by the importation of the American plant will thus be greatly shaken in all vine-producing countries by the discovery just made in South Styria.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.)
INDISPOSITION OF M. DE FREYCINET.
CHALONS-SUR-MARNE, September 17.—M. Carnot witnessed a fireworks display at the desire of this city last evening, when he was enthusiastically cheered by large crowds. M. de Freycinet, the Premier, was suffering from a slight cold and was unable to attend.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.)
ANOTHER BOURSE SCARE.
PARIS, September 17.—There is no foundation whatever for a report circulated on the Bourse this afternoon of the death of M. de Freycinet. The Premier attended the review at Vitry-le-François this morning.

(DALZIEL'S TELEGRAMS.)
ENGLISH TOURISTS SUSPECTED OF THEFT.
PARIS, September 17.—As a train full of English tourists was about to start from Versailles yesterday, a police commissary detained it, having been informed that during the visit of one of the parties of tourists a porcelain statuette had been stolen from the chimney-piece of the museum. Search was made in the train, but without result, and the English tourists were allowed to return to Paris.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.)
RAILWAY ACCIDENT AT LILLE.
LILLE, September 17.—A train from Paris arriving at Lille late last night ran off the rails at the entrance to the station, just as the engine-driver was putting on the brake. Two wheels of the tender came off. The passengers alighted, and were conducted to another train from Rouen, which at that moment came into the station. The line was soon cleared.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.)
REVOLUTION EXPECTED IN NEW YORK.
NEW YORK, September 17.—A Brownsville despatch to the *World* says that Cotarina Garza crossed the Rio Grande River on Tuesday with forty filibusters, and expects to aid an organised party in Tamalipas, who are dissatisfied with President Diaz. A revolution is expected.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.)
A TRAIN ROBBED.
MORONG (INDIAN TERR.), September 17.—A Missouri, Kansas, and Texas Company's south-bound train was stopped at Leliarta by robbers yesterday. The train men were covered by Winchester rifles and kept quiet while the express car safe was opened and robbed of \$2,500. No passengers were molested, the bandits taking to the woods with their booty.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.)
SENTENCES ON BURGLARS.
At the Old Bailey on Friday, John Smith, 62, tailor, pleaded guilty to a burglary at the house of Thomas Woodcock, and with stealing therein a crust-and other articles, value £2.—Smith was seen on the morning of July 18th getting out of the dining-room window of the house of the prosecutor, who resides in the Cromwell-road, Kensington. He was pursued by a police officer, and seen to throw away some articles, the proceeds of the robbery. No weapon was found on the accused. He refused to give any account of himself.—He was sentenced to nine months' hard labour.—Charles Williams pleaded guilty at the same court to burglary. The offence was committed on the night of the 30th July, at the Baker and Basket public-house, Worship-street. Prisoner was arrested on leaving the premises, and housebreaking in the premises was found upon him. From the elements were found upon previous convictions. He was proved by Warder Cook, of Holloway.—A sentence of three years' penal servitude was passed.—Prisoner exclaimed on leaving the dock, "Good luck to you, sir."

(REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.)
A CANONBURY MYSTERY.
The police of Islington are investigating the circumstances attending the death of Amy Tibby, 22, who, on Wednesday afternoon, was found lying dead on her bed at Canonbury Grove. Whether any person was with the deceased has not been ascertained, and a post-mortem examination and coroner's inquiry will elicit further facts.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.)
ALLEGED OUTRAGE AND ROBBERY IN THE WEST END.
Leon Jacobson, who is charged with robbing and outraging Mary Crawford, a domestic servant, at Knightsbridge, was seized on remand at Westminster on Friday, and remanded, owing to the indisposition of Mr. Mathews, his advocate.

THE STRAND ABDUCTION CASE.

TRIAL AND VERDICT.

REMARKABLE ADDRESS BY NEWTON.

Edward Arthur Callender Newton, aged 39, was indicted at the Central Criminal Court, on Friday, before the Recorder, for the abduction of Lucy Edith Pearson, under 16 years of age, the daughter of a tobaccoist carrying on business in the Strand. Mr. Forrester Fulton, M.P., and Mr. Avery, instructed by Mr. Frayling, on behalf of the Treasury, prosecuted; while Mr. C. F. Gill and Mr. Bodkin appeared for the prisoner. The court was crowded during the hearing of the case. The prisoner, on being placed in the dock, pleaded guilty to the first and third counts, on having abducted a young girl under the age of 16 and for improper intercourse.—Mr. Fulton said the case was a somewhat peculiar one. The prisoner first became acquainted with the girl when she was between 10 and 11 years of age. He seemed to have met her when at play with one of her brothers in Fountain-court, in the Strand, and his acquaintance was renewed by calling at her father's shop. Shortly afterwards, he became a constant visitor at the house, and when the family went to reside for a short time in Putney and Wandsworth the prisoner visited them there and showed great kindness. He became so friendly with the children that they called him "Uncle," and according to the evidence given at the police court he endeavoured to obtain employment for one or two of them. As the child Lucy began to get older, however, his motives were, he was a young girl under the age of 16 and for improper intercourse.—Mr. Fulton said the case was a somewhat peculiar one. The prisoner first became acquainted with the girl when she was between 10 and 11 years of age. He seemed to have met her when at play with one of her brothers in Fountain-court, in the Strand, and his acquaintance was renewed by calling at her father's shop. 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CHAPTER XXXV.

From the wall, ten generations ancestral Montgomeries smiled bla-
down upon their ill-starred descend-
The duke looked at the stam-
leather panels by their side, and
he had disgraced them. Charles St.
Montgomery, first of the race, a son
Charles, a little later, a son of his
house wench," as Peppy racy cal-
her, gazed reproachfully into his
from the middle of a huge bag-wig
Kneller. His grace had paid for
portrait with part of the money he
ceived from Sir Theophilus Wra-
some time Lord Mayor of the City
London, and a man of might in
proceeding to make a name for
with the Secretary of State to g-
his firm that lucrative commis-
contract for the army in Flanders.
his side hung saucy Nan Montgrom-
herself, created by Charles
Baroness Llanfyllin, and after-
Countess of Bala in her own r-
—long taper fingers of the
quisite. Llanfyllin, the type of
A little beyond her, again, Ge-
Adolphus, third duke, in flo-
white curls, reflected, appare-
on the inadequate sum for which
had just sold his vote and his bor-
to the insatiable Walpole. Opp-
him stood the full length of Er-
smith Duke, the Duke of Devon-
as the mad Marquis of Llanfyllin,
rode and won in that famous ste-
chase before the Prince Regent
no less than five noble necks
broken simultaneously. And here
Lord George, who grew fat on his
nings from Fox at court; and there
Lady Jane, who sold herself for Al-
a Duke of the old school, the Duke
This round face was Augustus,
parted with the Berwyn estate to pay
gambling debts; and that innu-
youth was Edward, Lord Treasur-
who mortgaged the family proper-
Bala to squander the proceeds of
French mistresses. The duke
with respect on all sides, arro-
an answer, and answered in his
how a man so well descended as
self could ever have come down to
level of the Clandon-street landlady.

One point at Powysland House,
ever, annoyed the duke very
The head servant in charge, as he
on the point of leaving, must
courage to hope his grace
wouldn't be offended, but a
many people, who looked like law-
clerks or money-lenders' agents,
been calling around at the
lately, and they were particu-
anxious to know exactly when
grace would be back from Nor-
Well, some of 'em asked most p-
an considerable number of them
whether it was the duke himself
the duchess for him, who was put
in all the new furniture and de-
tations and such like.

His master turned upon him wi-
saggy face. "How the devil do
know, sir," he cried, "they
know."

down on account, and you can continue, straight on, your observations. Don't let that racial MacLaine escape. I shall bring him to book yet. But, remember, all this must still be strictly confidential."

For even so, he was too proud a man for his own sake alone, to let the world think he suspected his duchess. He closed his eyes, with his soul all seething within him, he turned out of the dingy, gloomy office once more, and strolled aimlessly down to a seat on the Embankment.

It was the first place that occurred to him, or rather, the first place he happened to light upon. He was well out of the crowd there, and more alone than he had ever been at the club or at any other of his accustomed haunts. He waited time to think—time to make up his mind for action. He hardly knew how to comport himself under these painful circumstances. Should he go home once more to Onslow Gardens and meet Linda again? or should he take rooms at once at some hotel in town, and thereby definitely preclude any further contact?

Either course was difficult and beset with danger. One was very irksome, very wounding to his pride. But he must stop and think. That's the worst of being a duke, you know. You get so precious few chances of solitude in life. A whole lot of interesting people are always following you up, and dogging your steps, and bothering you. It was quite a relief to him to sit down, unrecognised, on this bench on the Embankment, and find time to think a moment how next to shape his course of action.

But his pride was hot, and his brain seething.

CHAPTER XXXVI.
HEADS OR TAILS.

He sat there long, musing, and, indeed, he had cause. Everything on earth was roiling against him. He was deeply in debt, to be sure, but he owed also no small obligations to those obliging money-lenders. It was the Montgomery nature to spend whatever your hand could grasp, and then run in debt again as deep as your creditors and the bank would allow you. To owe no man anything would have been to any inferior class of man. The Montys had a very physical impossibility. Why, it was hardly safe for the duke even to be seen in town. Heaven knows what mad tricks some of his bill-discounting friends might not be tempted to play him. In these degenerate days even dukes get dunned in open court for payment. And then there would be the Montys' blood, and their acceptance with a very big grace Linda's hard cash. And, sooner than that—the duke paused and reflected.

As he sat there, immersed in deep thought, and unobservant of all that passed around, a voluble female voice burst suddenly in upon his silent reverie. It was a familiar voice, clear, cold, and piercing.

"And the duke," it cried in tones like a musical bell, but very quick and articulate, accompanied by a well-gloved hand thrust out to greet him.

"Why, what an extraordinary place to find you, of all men, on a day like this! I thought you were away in Norway, beguiling the wary grouse of the wylsiamun."

"That's always the way with whatever one reads about one's friends in the papers. If ever by any chance you see a paragraph that refers to yourself or any one of your acquaintance, and you're in a position to check it, it invariably turns out upon examination to be either incorrect or grossly exaggerated. The Montys have the journals of my fatherland."

The duke looked up and saw—Mrs. Bouvier-Barton.

He groaned inwardly. This was indeed a most inopportune interruption. Can an unhappy duke never be left alone, then, to his own devices for two minutes together? The very thought of that well-known hostess and clever society talker would put it about over the whole of London before the world was six hours older, that he was in town once more, on view at the Embankment; and he must make up his mind at once accordingly whether to go back like a slave to the Tower, or to hate and renounce her.

He hated to have his hand forced in this way. But Mrs. Bouvier-Barton was just the sort of woman who always forced one's hand, confound her! The duke had hardly patience enough to be commonly polite to the wretched woman.

"So I was in Norway till four days ago," answered somewhat testily, gazing the well-gloved hand in his with very languid interest. "I am there, of still, for that matter, so far as society—and the duchess, are concerned; for I've come back incognito. I've just returned to town by way of Holland last night, ran up in the small hours of the morning, and here I am, to be sure, at the disposal of a confidential business with my agents. I haven't been home yet to see my wife; indeed—I was thinking of popping in to surprise the duchess."

"Oh, indeed!" Mrs. Bouvier-Barton replied, with a significant emphasis. So she doesn't know you're coming! Well now, that's a very interesting point, that's a funny place to be, when you're ruminating whether or no you'll make up your mind to go home to her."

The duke looked up sharply. "Mr. Bouvier-Barton," he said with a hungry air, "you're quite the cleverest psychologist for me. Too clever, by heaven, I call you. I don't see his reason for not being here, or for not having told you I was ruminating about anything of the sort. And if it comes to that, what brings you down so far into the City too? It's at least as much out of your beat as mine. I don't expect to meet a lady of your taste hanging about loose like this on the Embankment."

"Mrs. Bouvier-Barton took off her glove deliberately—she had prettily white hands for a woman of her age—round and plump, but delicate—arranged displayed before his eyes a manuscript roll of foolscap she was carrying with most affectionate care in her manuscript bag. "I've just been down to the publisher to order him this," she said, with a look of triumph, for a clever young friend of mine—oh! immense amusing—in fact, Rabelaisian. It's a book that's going to take the world by storm at once, I can tell you—a piece of the most rollicking cynical humor, as by a mere lad of twenty-four, and as good as a Beaumarchais. I don't see how delighted I am, and coming back, I chance to find the pure accident to turn this way. And turning this way, I had the good luck to hit at once upon an

"quaintance." And she beamed upon him so sweetly as she spoke that even that angry jealous man felt himself almost disarmed by her smile for half a moment. Very fine teeth for her age, Mrs. Bouverie-Barton's.

But what's been happening in town while I have been away?" he asked, without any intention or pretence of interest; for he cared just at present for nothing on earth but this one pressing problem of his own existence. I know I've come to the right source, anyhow, for the fullest information."

Mrs. Bouverie-Barton laughed good-humouredly. "Well, I do hear most things that go on in town, so she said, smiling with confidence in his recognition of her talents as a collector and dispenser of gossip. "Let me see. What's fresh? Sabine Venables is married at last to that leader-writing Harrison man. Oh, that was before you went away, of course. I remember now. I broke bread with you at the wedding. My poor dear head's getting worse and worse every day, they're pulling very well together, I believe, as far as they've gone. You see, that's a marriage for love. Love always answers. Hubert Harrison was after her years ago, of course, about the same time when one Lord Adalbert Montgomery—you recollect the incident—was debating it with her. He was not so much to be trusted for life to her. And Mrs. Bouverie-Barton shut her eyes for a moment prettily, and looked back into the past with a rapt expression to recall those pleasant days of pre-nuptial reminiscences.

"I'm glad they get on well," the duke murmured by way of relieving his awkwardness and embarrassment of such personal allusions.

"Oh, yes, I always said that'd be a very good match," Mrs. Bouverie-Barton ran on, with glib readiness, "though I confess I never thought the girl would take him. Old Affability had trained up his child in the way she should go, as these heirs are called, and she needed no aid to herself in the open market to the highest bidder, for position, title, an old name, a coronet; and I thought at first she wouldn't depart from it. I thought she'd do as they all do—marry a marquis—and then run away from him. I remember saying one day to Hurst Croft that that young man into Hurst Croft was eyeing Miss into sudden interest. "To whom?" he asked, quickly, half doubting if he'd caught the name aright.

"To young Maclaine, of the Board of Trade," his companion went on, without pretending to notice his start. "Your duchess's friend, you know. He says he used to see a great deal of her at one time—before she married. And, indeed, I think she has made quite a lot of her; he's been a constant caller at Onslow Gardens, I am told, all the while you've been beguiling the wily salmon, that we spoke about, in Norway. Well, I remember saying to him one day at Hurst Croft that that girl Sabine would marry as they all do—and at the end of six months run away with the first man who came."

"Six months is a precious short time to give a man for domestic felicity," the duke interposed bitterly.

"No doubt. But it is as much as the women give their husbands nowadays," Mrs. Bouverie-Barton responded, with the smart joy of the scandal-monger. "Look at Lady Geldart, of Nigg, for example, that pretty brunette that I strongly recommended to you before you went on your matrimonial tour; she has done the same contrast to the Harrisons for what! Sabine Venables marries the man she loves, wise girl; and they'll be happy for a lifetime. Gwendoline Mackay, of the Southwark beer-bottling place, marries Lord Geldart, of Nigg, a dissipated young rake who only wants her name at the back of his bills at three, six, nine, and twelve. And that is the consequence! Before the bills have matured the poor girl's had enough of it, and runs away from him."

"You don't mean to say Lady Geldart's run away?" the duke exclaimed, with a sinister interest.

"Yes, I do, the lady replied. "Boiled! Fustibled! Haven't you seen that paper? So's gone off with a coronet in the 8th Hussars—I forget his name this moment, but you remember the man—that fellow with the smooth, dark hair and the small, black moustache—Mr. Maclaine's cut to a t—that she used always to talk with so much before she was married."

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...not these, the unhappy outcome of the modern mercenary marriage, will the duke was fairly wincing under the graduated dose of slowly-dropping litral. At last he could stand it no longer. This was too much for any man. The first blow had fallen. He felt like one to go; and as he did so he felt himself stagger slightly. His head swam. He hardly knew what was the matter. Still, he held out his hand with his courteous society smile—for in externals he was always a polished gentleman—to say good-bye to his gaileless temptress. Mrs. Bourverie-Burton took it in her pomp and white ungloved palm. As their fingers met, she started back in surprise. "Why, you're feverish, Luke," she exclaimed, in a very frightened tone. "You're in a high fever!"

"Am I?" the duke answered, with the recklessness of despair. "I dare say I am. Ever since I left home I've been sickening, sickening somewhat. I think it is under the open air among the pines in Norway; but since I got back to England last night I've come over me again in full force. I fancy I'm going to be ill. I can feel it in my bones. And a jolly good job too, as things go at present."

He sank down, reeling, in the corner of the seat. Mrs. Bourverie-Burton, however, thought he should be attended by a passing hansom. With her aid, the cabman lifted the helpless duke and placed him, a heavy burden, on the seat of his cab. The last of the Montgomeries had rightly diagnosed his own case. He was sickening for fever—a long-suppressed fever in his blood, which had been long delayed beyond its time by the fresh air of the forests, but arising from the very same local causes in the house at Onslow Gardens as Elizabeth Woodward's.

"Where shall I drive, ma'am?" the cabman asked, touching his hat respectfully, for Mrs. Bourverie-Burton had decided to accompany her husband. He was exalted a personage it was the good fortune of his spavined mare to carry.

"To the duke's own place," Mrs. Bourverie-Burton answered, with prompt decision; "Onslow Gardens."

The duke fell back on the padded seat, and nudged a drowsy attendant into the corner of his mind. Chad had decided his fate, then. The lady had chosen for him. Heads, a divorce; tails, the other thing. He would go home ill to Linda now, and let destiny work out the rest, as he himself foreshadowed it.

(To be continued.)

THE M.P. AND HIS WIFE.
At a meeting of the Guardians of the Wandsworth and Clapham Union, on Thursday, a letter was read from Messrs. Washington and Co., the solicitors acting for Mr. P. J. Foley, M.P., with regard to the maintenance of his wife, who is an inmate of the Lancaster Asylum and chargeable to the rates. It will be remembered that Mr. Foley was ordered to be chargeable to the rates for the past ten years, and that at the last meeting of the board Mr. Foley attended and refused to offer anything towards the support of his wife. The letter from Messrs. Washington was very lengthy, extending over nearly four pages of foolscap, and dealt with the case full treating of its merits and demerits. Towards the end Messrs. Washington observed that Mr. Foley was not bound, either legally or morally, to "support such a woman." He had no wish, however, to burden the ratepayers with the future maintenance of one who was still, though in name only, his wife. He was willing, therefore, to pay the maintenance not as an amount which ought legally to be paid, but as a gift to relieve the rates.—Upon this the board unanimously resolved, in pursuance of the resolution passed at their last meeting, to accept the offer of Mr. Foley's solicitor, and an order was made that he pay the sum of £200 per annum for his wife's maintenance, and further, that he sign the ordinary agreement to that effect.

GREAT DIAMOND ROBBERY.
The Paris detective police are, it is reported, seeking for a man named Everste, who has succeeded in obtaining from different diamond merchants and jewellers nearly 500,000fr. worth of jewels and precious stones. Everste has fled from Paris, after having pawned most of the jewels stolen by him. The police commissary has already found more than 200,000fr. worth of diamonds and jewels, among which one stone alone is estimated at 15,000fr.

SWIMMING FEATS.
Frederick Bownes, the Thames long-distance swimmer, who proposes to join Dalton, Fisher, and Albert in the attempt to swim from France to England next Monday, swam on Wednesday from Dover to Walmer, making by the way the best time record of any of the recent long-distance swimmers in the Channel. Bownes put off from Dover in the morning, was rowed straight out into the Channel to a distance of about a mile and a-half, when, after rubbing himself down, he dived from the side of the boat into the sea at five minutes to eleven. He remained in the water two hours, having in that time covered a distance of eight miles. Bownes took nothing except a little brandy when in the water, the temperature of which was 60 degrees.—Mr. H. S. Goodson having laid Mr. Robert Topping £1,500 to £200 that he would not remain in the sea without consecutive hours, the wager was accepted and won, at Brighton, on Wednesday. At the expiration of the time Mr. Topping walked ashore apparently almost as strong as at the start. Much interest was taken in the event.

A REMARKABLE RECOVERY.
A Russian paper, the *Wratsch*, relates the following incident as being worthy the attention of the medical profession:—A woman of 35 years of age, who was employed at a cigarette factory for fourteen hours daily, and only earned from thirty to forty kopeks, and who was suffering from hard work and semi-starvation. She was taken to the hospital, and on being restored to health she sought in vain for work. She gave way to despair and determined to die. Her religion forbidding her to lay violent hands on herself, she went into the forest. The woman sent her husband to watch her death. For twenty-six days the unfortunate creature lingered on without food or drink. At last she was discovered by a peasant in a terrible condition, and her pulse had almost ceased to beat. The woman was removed to the hospital, and now after three weeks, has been discharged in her usual health.

ATTACKED BY WASPS.

A man in Königs Wusterhausen, a village near Berlin, was a few days ago awfully stung by wasps, whose nest he had unknowingly disturbed. A pump stand stands near his cottage which is longer used for water. Wednesday thought he would just see whether was possible to still pump water out of it. He moved the handle, and in doing so disturbed the wasps' nest, which had been built inside the pump. The insects attacked him furiously, and he fled down the road. The wasps followed him, and he was obliged to flee. A cart was coming along the road, in which sat a peasant, his wife, and the driver. The man, in his desperation, ran several times round the cart, hoping that the wasps would leave him and attack the horses. This they certainly did, but a goodly summer still stuck to him, till at last they threw him into the cart, and the wasps, and rolled over and over in them until he had freed himself from the enraged insects. With his face horribly swollen, and nearly blind, he hurried to the nearest inn, where raw meat and wet clay were laid upon the swollen parts. In the meanwhile the peasant's horses, maddened by the wasps, ran off. He then called the driver and the driver was thrown out of the cart, and the wife lay at full length at the bottom, the wasps stinging her as well as the horses. It took some time to catch the horses and then to kill and drive off the rest of the wasps. The occupants of the cart were not much hurt.

A ROYAL GIFT.

The elephant sent as a gift from Queen Victoria to the Sultan of Morocco arrived in the neighbourhood of Rabat on the 31st ult., and, at the Sultan's request was taken on the next day to his Sheridan Majesty's camp. The Sultan's camp was having left the Babat for Mequines on the previous day (the 31st), the elephant was not handed over until the 2nd inst., the Sultan's camp being then in the wild Lemmur country. The presentation was made by Captain Ingfield, Kaid d'Alcan acting as interpreter. The Sultan received the elephant with all the pomp and splendour of the high dignitaries of the court and the whole of the permanent army being present. His Majesty expressed himself as being greatly pleased, and prolonged the presentation ceremony to an unusual length. Intense excitement prevailed throughout the whole camp.

AN "ACTRESS" IN TROUBLE.

Annie Martyr, 26, who described herself as an actress, and said that her professional name was Vernon, was charged at Marlborough-street Police Court with having attempted to commit suicide.—John Seward, a park-keeper, who was charged with her, said that at about half-past six o'clock in the morning he noticed Martyr walking near the Long Water. Suddenly she turned into one of the openings leading to the water, and commenced to run. Before she reached the water, however, he stopped her, and asked what was the matter. She replied that she was all right, but had made up her mind to commit suicide. He then took her to the Hyde Park Police Station and gave her into custody.—The woman now said that she had no thought of taking her life, and denied that she said she was going to do so.—Mr. Newton remanded her for a week to find, if any of her friends could be found.

A LONG RIDE.

An Austrian officer, Lieutenant Vargen by name, of the 79th Austrian Regiment, found himself the other day, after riding for ninety-four days from Bombay to Calcutta, in such a woe-begone state that one hotel after another refused him shelter. The lieutenant set out on his self-imposed expedition, the belief that would be his companion a Genoese servant. The gallant officer was himself mounted on an Arab horse, while his servant rode a country-bred pony. When crossing the River Loriga, both travellers had the misfortune to lose their scanty personal belongings, and were pushed to the necessity of purchasing some native saddles, and thus accoutred rode on to Calcutta. On the way the travellers crossed over 120 rivers, large and small, and lived on such scanty fare as they could get from the villagers on route.

A DISAPPEARING JEWELLER.

It is not pleasant even for a person wealthy enough to possess a diamond necklace to leave it for repairs with a jeweller, and on going to inquire for the bauble to find that the shop is closed and empty, and that the tradesman has bolted. Such is the misfortune which befell a customer of a jeweller who was named M. Satz. The jeweller started in business in the Rue des Ortoaux, Paris, some four years ago, and succeeded in gaining the entire confidence of his neighbours. The owner of the diamonds, on going to see after his necklace, found the shutters up and a notice pasted thereon to say that the establishment was closed, and on the next day, on finding the same state of affairs, he applied to the commissary of police, who caused the shop to be opened. Nothing was found beyond a few worthless old watches, which had been left for repairs. Satz had not only taken away the whole of his stock-in-trade, but also the necklace itself. The notice on the outside of the shop was evidently placed there for the purpose of allowing the jeweller to gain a good start on the police. The proprietor of the necklace will probably not join with any degree of enthusiasm in the prevailing epidemic of Russomania, as M. Satz was a native of Odessa.

THE CZAR'S SILVER WEDDING.

According to a Paris journal, the silver wedding of the Czar and Cararina was celebrated at the old fishing village of Jusschokhusene, on the Sound. This was because their spouses took place there a little more than twenty-five years ago in a tent which had been reared on the sands on purpose for the ceremony. There was no company other than the King and Queen of Denmark and their family, and the outside of the village. They were ranged in front of the tent dressed in their holiday clothes. After the early dinner which preceded the ceremony, the King of Denmark came out, and, pointing to tubs of beer, asked them to quaff bumpers to his new son-in-law, the Czarowitch. That at least, is a very doubtful part of the tale.

Theophile Ribot, the famous French painter, died at Colombes (Seine) on 10th inst. He had been ill for some weeks.

ALTERS FOR THE POOR. The owner of the premises, 313, Burdett-road, Limehouse (late Walter Stein's Home), was summoned by the London District Court Board of Works, under the Nuisances Removal Act, for permitting overcrowding, whereby the health of the inmates might be endangered. Mr. George Hay Young appeared for the Board of Works; and T. A. Dennison appeared for the London Congregational Union, who owned the premises. A free shelter for the poor, George Hay Young, the inspector, stated that between 12 and 13 the morning of August 19th he found 313, Burdett-road. There were 8 floors, all of which were used as a shelter for outcasts. He counted persons there. The sanitary arrangements were most primitive.—**Contagious Diseases.** Where were people to go?—Mr. Young: the casual ward.—Mr. Williams: I will not stop a charitable work like a simply because some of the inhabitants object. In fact, I shall give people like these every assistance.—An inspector, continuing, said there was only cubic space for 117½ persons. There were on other occasions loud and overcrowding. Men lay about the bare floors. The floors were filthy, and the stench was perfectly sickening. It was prejudicial to the health of the inmates.—By the Magistrate: His district was in Limehouse, in which were several lodging-houses. He had frequently seen them, and they were not exceptionally clean.—Mr. Williams observed that that was quite different from the lodging-houses in his district, with regard to this place, he should say it every latitude. If these poor people slept out they were brought to court by the police.—Dr. Rogers, giving given evidence, during which he said that the defendant was a hardening of so many people together, the magistrate said the question of dirt could not be helped.—For defence, Mr. Edward Wilson Gates, superintendent of the philanthropic work of the London Congregational Union, said that after Newland Hall was burnt down the present premises were opened as a temporary shelter. Since January over 90,000 persons had been sheltered there, and to these proceedings when their only object was to do good was straining a net. The lease of the present place would expire on October 25th.—Mr. Sidney Halifax gave similar testimony, and said that disinfectant powder was put down daily.—Mr. Montagu Williams said if he was compelled to make an order against overcrowding he hoped the generous public of a metropolis, who were the most generous in the world, would come forward and help them to get more commodious premises. As the lease would expire on October 25th, he would adjourn the case until October 25th, and he hoped they might be encouraged their good work by the public purse.

"SOME PROVOCATION."
At the Thames Police Court, Florence Ashwood, 30, described as a married woman, an Irish machinist, was charged with assaulting Abraham Walkley, living at 22, Coys's buildings, St. George's.—Prosecutor held that on Monday night he was returning home from his club, which is held at a public-house in Spitalfields, and when about to enter his dwelling defendant came up and assaulted him. She afterwards punched him in the mouth. He went for a constable, and on his return she again struck and kicked him, in the presence of the officer. The woman had previously assaulted him. He denied having first struck the accused.—Defendant, in answer to the charge, said prosecutor's wife had entered her room while she was out at work and taken her dress and pawned it. With the proceeds she afterwards went to the theatre with her defendant's husband, from whom she had been separated. She called Mrs. Smith, who stated defendant was first struck by prosecutor, and the latter also tried to strangle her.—Mr. Montagu Williams hoped there would not be any more of this kind of quarrelling. As he thought the defendant had received some provocation, he should only order her to be bound over to keep the peace.

BERNHARDT'S NEW PLAY.
Sarah Bernhardt's new play, entitled *The People's Choice*, has been produced at San Francisco, and is a marked success. It differs from the rest of her repertoire in a notable absence of accessories, and depends upon her acting alone.

EXPULSION OF AN ANARCHIST.
The Federal Council has decreed the expulsion of the anarchist Schicchi, a Russian deserter, and editor of a paper called the *Cruce di Sarno*, in which, notwithstanding repeated warnings, he has continued to publish violent articles against the neighbouring countries.

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Ticket-of-leave men, will be presented the Standard next week, 'A Man's Shave' will be produced for a lengthy period at the Crystal Palace with Mr. George H. Wells as the hero. Mr. George H. Wells and Elliston's 'Harbour Lights' Company will visit the Theatre Royal, Stratford-upon-Avon, the first of the most successful touring companies to visit the Elephant and Castle Theatre of late has been Mr. Chas. Hawtree's 'Private Secretary' Company who last week played to very good house. The weekly change of programme in which there will bring about the appearance on Monday next of 'Paul Jones' and his many entertaining friendliness, Miss Bertha White and Company will commence a six nights' engagement at Sadler's Wells on Monday, appearing in the musical

THE MARLOWE MEMORIAL

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GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION.

PROGRAMMING AND WORKING POLICY:

PASS THE SENTRIES.

NO DARKER GREY HAIR—LOCKER'S SULPHUR BALM

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY.
An evening mail brings news of an attempt

A BANK MANAGER CONVICTED.

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ROMANCE OF CLAPHAM

STRANGE STORY OF FRAUD.
The strange disappearance from Newlandsworth, commonly known as Clapham Junction, of a young married woman, still the absorbing topic of the neighborhood. It appears that some time past a married couple have been living in the locality, and became prominent members of the congregation attending a local dissenting chapel, the lady, in addition officiating as a Sunday school teacher. The couple were regarded by their acquaintances and friends as models of virtue, and when it became known that the lady was entitled to a pension of about £80,000, some persons seemed to have a little difficulty in obtaining from time to time sums of money from persons to whom the news of their good fortune was confided. It is said that in one case money amounting to nearly £1,000 had been advanced by a gentleman on the strength of the representations made by a whilst the pastor of the chapel mentioned was absent from the district. A well-known shopkeeper in the district has also lost a large sum by the same means, and it is reported that a number of other persons are included in the list of creditors for goods supplied, &c. The strangest part of the affair consists in a statement by the husband, who was said to be a bank clerk in the receipt of good salary, was induced by his wife to relinquish his employment. The time that appears to have arrived for the transfer of their fortune, which, however, proved to be a myth, and the lady decamped. Her husband, it is reported, met his wife in Strand during the week when she told him that she had been duped. It is also said that she had sent him the spoke of coming to her suicide, and in another instance, a person was charged with the murder of the husband, who seems to have been accounted of the manner in which his wife was raising money.

FREE SPEECH AND PUBLIC MEETINGS.
On the 12th inst. a meeting was held on Clarendon Green in support of free speech and public meeting, and to secure the establishment of municipal workshops. The attendance was very numerous, but the presence of a Government reporter, who carefully recorded the most extreme utterances if the speaker seemed to indicate that the Scottish Yard authorities attach some importance to the series of meetings which have been held in connection with the subject. The chairman, whose name was not announced, read the following resolution:—"That the meeting of London workmen pledges itself to stand by the right of free speech and public meeting, and is determined to continue to hold meetings and parades until sufficient numbers are obtained to enable them to be organized to meet in Trafalgar-square to demand the establishment of municipal workshops for the unemployed of London; and also calls upon the Radical clubs and societies to make good their pledge to support free speech and public meeting." After some speeches had been made the resolution was declared to be carried.

CURE OF DEAFNESS, NOISES IN THE EARS, &c.
THERO AND SNEVETS DEAFNESS, GLIDDER, &c. J. J. SILVERTON give advice, by a personal examination, of all cases of deafness, tinnitus, &c. Treatise, with testimonials, post free, at 10, Abchurch Lane, LONDON. Address, LONDON BUILDINGS, Ludgate Church, E.C. 4.

HAVE YOU A BAD LEG.
WITH wounds that discharge or otherwise, perhaps surrounded with inflammation, that it leaves the patient in a state of intense suffering. If you, under the skin, have poison that defies the power of medicine, and if you are not cured, you will never recover, but go on suffering till death releases you. Perhaps you have a sore on your leg, or a sore on your arm, or a sore on your face, or a sore on your neck, or a sore on your chest, or a sore on your back, or a sore on your stomach, or a sore on your head, or a sore on your feet, or a sore on your hands, or a sore on your fingers, or a sore on your toes, or a sore on your nose, or a sore on your mouth, or a sore on your throat, or a sore on your lungs, or a sore on your liver, or a sore on your stomach, or a sore on your intestines, or a sore on your bladder, or a sore on your uterus, or a sore on your ovaries, or a sore on your testicles, or a sore on your prostate, or a sore on your rectum, or a sore on your anus, or a sore on your vagina, or a sore on your penis, or a sore on your scrotum, or a sore on your perineum, or a sore on your coccyx, or a sore on your sacrum, or a sore on your pelvis, or a sore on your hips, or a sore on your thighs, or a sore on your knees, or a sore on your elbows, or a sore on your wrists, or a sore on 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TERRIBLE FLOODS IN SPAIN.

3,000 LIVES LOST.

PILLAGING THE DEAD.

Spain is shrouded in gloom now that more is known of the catastrophe in the province of Toledo. The first advice received on Sunday morning was very meagre, owing to the interrupted telegraph service, and the extent of the calamity was not suspected. A despatch from the mayor of Consuegra, which called for aid and mentioned 1,500 victims, was not understood to mean that that number of people had lost their lives, so great a mortality being deemed incredible. However, there is now every reason to fear that this by no means exaggerates the number of deaths. Throughout Sunday and Monday the news received at Madrid made it more and more certain that the loss of life in the valley of the River Amarguillo had been enormous, and it is now reasonably sure that over 3,000 people have been drowned in the floods. Indeed, one estimate places the number at 4,000. The whole province of Toledo seems to have suffered from the tempest. Heavy damage is reported from all directions, though the loss of life is small except along the Amarguillo. Every town and village on its banks appears to have been flooded, and the overflow forms a lake from 2 ft. to 6 ft. deep over an area of hundreds of square miles. The entire interruption of communication except by the roads, and the fact that the figures given are based upon the terrible state of affairs which prevails in the districts which have been reached, and repeated instances in which houses were found to contain the bodies of the drowned floating amid the furniture indicate that all along the valley the inhabitants were taken by surprise and were cut off from all means of escape as the rising flood enveloped them. Over 100 bodies have already been recovered, and this is the report from only three or four small places.

THE MAYOR'S REPORT FROM CONSUEGRA.

A special envoy of the Government had the greatest difficulty in reaching Consuegra. In the latter district two-thirds of the houses, the walls of which were made of mud and straw, were destroyed, and two-thirds of the inhabitants were at first supposed to have been drowned. Some of the bodies drifted as far as Madrid and Consuegra. The survivors report that an earthquake was felt just before the inundation took place. According to the last census Consuegra had a population of 7,621. If it be true that two-thirds of these people have been drowned—this, however, is considerably questioned—the catastrophe will be unparalleled in the history of Spain. A second envoy of the Government does not entirely corroborate the accounts of the work of inquiry. He says that 500 houses have been destroyed at Consuegra, and the remainder are little better than ruins. Over 200 bodies are known to have been washed away, and the number of corpses under the ruins is estimated by him to be at least 1,500. In one of the houses alone twenty-eight persons perished, and their bodies have not been found. Eleven families of Consuegra have been drowned, and the bodies were found clinging to one another. The reports from Valencia and Andalusia state that the water is 6 ft. deep in many houses. The Valencia state is reported to have been a cyclone, which blow down houses and devastated the harvest fields. The first reports of great loss of life at Almeria are confirmed.

LATER DETAILS.

Wednesday's telegram from the flooded districts in the south of Spain go to show that the full extent of the disaster cannot yet be estimated. Consuegra has suffered most severely. Three thousand persons are said to have lost their lives in that town alone. Reuters' correspondent at Madrid, telegraphing on Tuesday evening, says:—"The accounts of the catastrophe at Consuegra are appalling beyond all description. The town is a mass of ruins surrounded on all sides almost by great expanses of water, above which appear the tops of trees and the roofs or chimneys of houses. Floating on the surface are baulks of timber, portions of houses, and wreckage of all kinds. In the town itself the misery is appalling. The streets are now passable, but they are almost deserted. The surviving inhabitants, who have lost their all and are homeless and nearly foodless, gather in the town and in the vicinity of the wreck. The Government is, however, sending assistance, and steps are being taken to re-establish something like order out of the utter chaos into which the place has been thrown. Food in coming in from towns near and far, and the authorities are exerting themselves to provide fresh supplies. A police force is also being organised to keep order and prevent pillage. The burying of the dead is proceeding, but the work is difficult. Every moment fresh discoveries of corpses are made, and it will be long before the mournful task of interring the victims is ended."

ROBBERS OF THE DEAD.

A correspondent of the Times says that at Consuegra robbers are pillaging the houses and the corpses, while honest workmen are dying of hunger. The crops of the district are in great distress, and the Government's request the Bank of Spain has granted ample credits to the governors of suffering provinces. A terrible storm broke out near Valencia at 3 o'clock on Tuesday morning, entirely destroying the rice crop. The River Turia is rising rapidly, and inundations are imminent. Inundations at Almeria are also reported to the River Júcar. The inundation in Almeria has destroyed the fishermen's quarter, with great loss of life. The grape harvest, the main livelihood of the province, has perished. By the action of the floods the southern railways have been absolutely destroyed in many places. Passengers from Seville, Cadiz, Cordova, Granada, Valencia, and Alicante are obliged to make the journey to Madrid via Barcelona, and numbers of passengers going south are detained in Madrid.

AID FOR THE SUFFERERS.

The Madrid Gazette publishes a decree opening a national subscription for the relief of the sufferers from the floods. The Queen Regent will head the list with a contribution of 24,000, which does not include 42,000 previously subscribed by her Majesty. The directors of the Madrid newspapers have resolved that members of their editorial staffs shall personally make a collection in the streets of money, food, and clothing. The Bank of Spain has given 41,200, and subscriptions are coming in from all parts.

A STEWARD IN TROUBLE.

Edward Lodge, estate steward to Mr. W. H. Grenfell, of Taplow Court, Bucks, was charged before the magistrates at Beaconsfield under the Criminal Law Amendment Act, with an attempt to commit an offence against Phoebe Limer, 14 years of age, a domestic servant in his employ. The alleged offence is stated to have taken place on Thursday, September 18, at the prisoner's residence, during his wife's absence. It was decided in cross-examination that Superintendent Watson, who apprehended Lodge, did so without either a warrant or summons being obtained. The case occupied nearly the whole day, and Lodge was committed for trial at the assizes, but was liberated on bail, himself in 4100, and one surety in a like amount.

"Woman feels where man thinks." Yes; and this accounts for much premature baldness.

PUBLICAN AND SERVANT GIRL.

A SERIOUS CHARGE.

Frederick Edwards, 24, landlord of the Railway Tavern at New Barnet, was charged, at Barnet Police Court, before the Earl of Stratford, with having, on September 18th, committed a criminal offence against a female, 16, a housemaid in his employment. Mr. Sims attended on behalf of the public prosecutor; and the prisoner was defended by Mr. E. Sweeting, solicitor. Prosecutrix, a simple-looking country girl, said she belonged to Leicester, but some time ago went to live with her married sister, who kept a coffee-house in the New Cut. After that she removed with her sister to New Barnet, and, after a short engagement there, as a housemaid, she was engaged by prisoner as housemaid at the Railway Tavern on August 31st. For the first few days she went home to her sister's house to sleep; but Mrs. Edwards became very unwell, and requested her to sleep in the house on September 4th, so as to be available at any time in case of need. Some time after the house closed on that day (the first day of her employment), a man came there to see her, and volunteered to treat prosecutrix and Mrs. Barber, who was staying at the tavern as a visitor. Each of them took lemonade and brandy, and prosecutrix, being unaccustomed to intoxicants, soon afterwards felt very queer. After the prisoner and the gentleman had gone upstairs together, she went to get her supper in the kitchen. Mrs. Barber went to bed, and just as she was about to follow the prisoner down, and said he wanted his supper. She went to the bar-parlour to get it for him, but

SHE FELT GIDDY AND FAINT.

and had to hold on to the table for support. Edwards said he would go and fetch her some brandy. He did so, but after taking it she became worse, and was very sick. He then caught hold of her and said he would like to kiss her. She resisted with all her might, in the course of her struggles pulled the cloth off the table and upset a crust that stood upon it. The accused, however, dragged her to the ground. She was very much hurt, and became unconscious, and remembered nothing more till she came to in the morning and found herself lying upon her own bed partially undressed. When she got downstairs she made a complaint to Mrs. Barber, who called at the house. In consequence of the latter complaint she was taken by her sister to a doctor, with the result that the defendant was arrested. Cross-examined, prosecutrix admitted that a potman named Bartlett had kissed her, and that she had told him in fun that she had been married, but not parsoned. She, however, committed the slightest impropriety with any other man, or that there was anything beyond a joke in what occurred with Bartlett. Mrs. Kate Barber corroborated the evidence as to what occurred before she went to bed, and added that between 12 and 1 o'clock she heard the prosecutrix scream "Mother, mother!" and afterwards heard her

MOANING IN HER BED-ROOM.

Witness did not go to ascertain the cause of the screams because she was nervous. Mrs. Louisa Preston, prosecutrix's sister, deposed that when she spoke to prisoner she denied the charge made against him. Cross-examined: Witness admitted she was not married to the man with whom she lived.—Edgar William Livesey, L.S.A., said he examined the prosecutrix on September 18th, and found her in a very nervous state, but nothing that would lead him to suppose a recent outrage had been committed. His examination would have been much more minute had he known there was any suggestion of a criminal charge.—Dr. N. W. W. Meadows, physician, acting as locum tenens to Dr. Harnett, police surgeon at Barnet, said he examined the prosecutrix on September 17th. On the back of both hands he saw recent scratches, surrounded on all sides almost by great expanses of water, above which appear the tops of trees and the roofs or chimneys of houses. Floating on the surface are baulks of timber, portions of houses, and wreckage of all kinds. In the town itself the misery is appalling. The streets are now passable, but they are almost deserted. The surviving inhabitants, who have lost their all and are homeless and nearly foodless, gather in the town and in the vicinity of the wreck. The Government is, however, sending assistance, and steps are being taken to re-establish something like order out of the utter chaos into which the place has been thrown. Food in coming in from towns near and far, and the authorities are exerting themselves to provide fresh supplies. A police force is also being organised to keep order and prevent pillage. The burying of the dead is proceeding, but the work is difficult. Every moment fresh discoveries of corpses are made, and it will be long before the mournful task of interring the victims is ended."

AN ALLEGED HOTEL SWINDLER.

A gentlemanly-looking man, who gave the name of Francis John Smythe, 15, St. Andrew's-square, Edinburgh, M.D. Cantab., and named in the warrant as Arthur Wilson, alias Sir William Scott, alias Sir George Welsh, was charged at Chester with uttering a forged cheque at the Grosvenor Hotel, Chester. Prisoner who stated he was a couple of days at the Grosvenor Hotel, and was formally in payment of his bill for 23d a cheque for £13 2s. 4d., drawn by Edwards and Co. upon the Finsbury Park branch of the London and South-Western Bank, and made payable to Sir William Scott, Bart. Change was given him in cash, and the cheque was afterwards dishonoured.—Mr. Fenwick, chief constable, said he had since ascertained that prisoner obtained the cheque-book from a man named Cooper. Prisoner pleaded guilty. I want to tell you that I did it out of sheer desperation and destitution.—The Mayor: You should not make a statement.—Prisoner: I want to say this now, so that I may see my wife before she dies. I plead guilty. I did not think you would want any evidence then.—The Mayor: You are remanded.—The chief constable of Chester has received inquiries respecting prisoner from Llandudno, Bangor, Barmouth, King's Lynn, Lincoln, Cambridge, Salisbury, and other towns. At the Imperial Hotel, Llandudno, a person described as a distinguished-looking stranger, giving the name of Sir William Parker, contracted a debt of 26d, and got change of a cheque for 217. Prisoner obtained the book by paying in a cheque to his credit for £751 on the Liverpool Banking Company.

LORD R. CHURCHILL ON THE NEW MAGAZINE RIFLE.

In his latest letter to the Daily Graphic, Lord Randolph Churchill says:—"I had a good opportunity of ascertaining the opinion of trained marksmen on the magazine rifle now being supplied to the British Army. I may state the balance of opinion is not favourable to the weapon. All pronounced it very complicated, and doubted whether it was a practical weapon for the common soldier. The method of half-cocking, arm arrangement, and spring of magazine, were nothing but a puzzle, and a poor marksmen, even if they had the rifle, would be unable to use it. I was Secretary for War, viewing the expenditure to be incurred, the great national disasters certain to follow on an error of decision, the serious and to a great extent the successful manner in which the new rifle has been improved, no longer a puzzle, but a weapon of which I am aware of the good inducement to assume the responsibility of imposing this magazine rifle on the Army. Lord Randolph advocates a fresh review of the subject by fresh, equally well informed, but more impartial and less personally interested judges."

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT MAIDSTONE.

A large turner's shop belonging to Mr. Delo, and several cottages, the property of Councillor W. Cox, situated in Bank-street, Maidstone, were destroyed by fire on Friday morning. The property was insured.

AT A LIFE OF CRIME.

At the London Sessions, George Fraser, alias Billy Button, alias Charles Stuart, alias Charles Farnell Washington, was indicted before Mr. Underhill, Q.C., for stealing a travelling bag, value 4s. 6d., the property of a lady named Brown. Early in the month of August Det.-sergt. Lorigo (an officer attached to the London and South-Western Railway Company's police) noticed Fraser moving about in a very suspicious manner on the various platforms at Waterloo Station. Watching him for an hour Lorigo saw him mingle amongst the passengers who arrived at the station, and, seeing that he was not the man he was looking for, he picked up a postman's bag and rapidly made his way out of the station. Before he managed to get to the bottom of the steps leading to the Waterloo-road Lorigo seized him and told him he would have to come back to the police office. "How dare you catch hold of me?" replied the man; "I've a good mind to tell the station-master of the way in which you have behaved." "But I'm afraid," said Lorigo, "I shall have to tell the station-master of your behaviour. I'm going to charge you with stealing this bag, and you had better behave yourself and go quietly." "All right, old man," was the answer. "I suppose it's no good cutting up rough." Upon arrival at the police office Lorigo handed his prisoner over to Detective Robinson, who made his way to the platform to find Miss Brown. Lorigo had only gone a few yards when he heard shouts coming from the office. Rushing back he found Robinson and Fraser struggling on the floor. "Hold his neck," shouted Robinson, "he's swallowing a paper." Fraser then found his throat tightly compressed, his lower jaw forced downwards, and the paper he had in his mouth quickly taken out of his mouth and read. It was written by a female, but after all their trouble the officers found it contained but a few hackneyed phrases. Suddenly Lorigo bethought him of the post-mark, and gathering up the wet pieces of the envelope and fitting them together they found the stamp of the Ipswich office. This led Lorigo to place himself in communication with Mr. Brodgen, the chief constable of Ipswich. When Mr. Brodgen stepped into the witness-box the judge asked him if he knew the prisoner. "Yes, sir," replied the officer; "I have a list here of the times he has passed through my hands." And forthwith the witness produced a sheet of foolscap containing the history of the accused from 1869 down to the present time. "In 1869," said Mr. Brodgen, "the prisoner was sentenced to twenty-one days, in 1870 to a month, and in the same year to six months. In 1872 he deserted from the Navy, and a few months later was convicted and sentenced to twelve months for felony. He had only been released a few weeks before he was again in the hands of the police, and on this occasion he was sentenced to seven years' penal servitude. He was released on ticket-of-leave, but was again arrested, and a similar sentence was again passed upon him. In January, 1888, he was released, and in October the same year he was indicted again, and sentenced to five years' penal servitude and five years' police supervision. Owing to his bad conduct he had to serve nearly the whole of the latter time."—The accused, who pleaded guilty, was asked by his lordship what he had to say in answer to the charge. His reply was, "Yes, I answer he's right to a day, and it's no good saying anything but the truth." It is evident, from the facts before me, that you have been leading a life of crime, and that you have pursued your purposes with such deliberation that I am convinced you are a very dangerous man. I must take this opportunity of removing you from society for seven years."—"Thanks," replied Fraser, and, leisurely turning on his heel, he walked steadily down the steps that led from the dock to the cells.

GREAT FIRE IN NEW YORK.

Owing to the innumerable salaried of the stock in Messrs. Peregrino and Company's great furniture warehouses, at New York, a fire which broke out the other night soon assumed enormous proportions, and the adjoining buildings were endangered. Messrs. Peregrino's premises were formerly the offices of the New York Commercial Advertiser, and occupy a commanding situation. Work was in full progress, and the anxiety was felt for the safety of the large number of hands employed in the upper stories, no less than for the workpeople in the more modern buildings immediately adjacent. Firemen arrived from all quarters in remarkably quick time; but much of their praiseworthy labour was rendered futile by a blunder not yet explained, by which they were unable to obtain control of the full and adequate water supply of water from the mains. To this fact must be attributed a large proportion of the ultimate destruction of property. The limited water supply for some time prevented the firemen from rearing the fire escapes against the walls of the burning building, but when the full pressure was obtained the escapes were soon brought into requisition, and under cover of numerous jets, and the flames were reared. Several persons were killed, but none of them seriously. The whole of Messrs. Peregrino's premises and stock were destroyed.

THE RETIREMENT OF CAPTAIN SHAW.

At a meeting of the Paddington Vestry the following resolution was passed on the motion of Mr. Mark Judge:—"That, in the opinion of this vestry, the Fire Brigade Committee ought to report to the London County Council the circumstances which led to the valuable and esteemed public officer as Captain Shaw resigning in his resignation, so that the members of the council not on the committee and the public may be in a position to judge of the circumstances before the final acceptance of such resignation; and this vestry is of opinion that the system of administration by private trustees, which was introduced by the committee, and which was intercepted and dealt with, and in many cases not even reported to the council, is being carried to such an extent at Spring Gardens as to be a serious danger to the public interests; and, further, that as it was the system of administration by private trustees which led to the failure of the Metropolitan Board of Works, this vestry recognises their responsibility to the ratepayers, and will themselves give publicity to such vital proceedings as lead to the resignation of heads of departments when any committee fails to do so."

WRECK AT HASTINGS.

The Guernsey outer Esperance, with cement, broke from her anchor in the Eastbourne road during Thursday night and sprang a leak. The captain ran her ashore on 9 o'clock on Friday morning, and she became a total wreck. The crew of three hands were saved. Much excitement prevailed.

Much generous assistance has been accorded to the original English lady cricketers for the benefit match, which is to take place on Monday at Tufnell Park Grounds, to recompense them for their losses in connection with the past season's broken tour. The grounds and police have been lent them free. The Sportsman and Sporting Life are providing umpires. The band of the 1st City of London Artillery have volunteered to play without charge, and even the tickets and handbills have been gratuitously contributed by a sympathetic printer. Only fine weather seems to be needed to render the benefit a success.

BETTING PROSECUTION.

Charles Young, of 35, Eccle-road, Clapham Junction, and George Snowden, of Seddon, who have the same address, were charged at the Bow-street Magistrate's Court, with keeping a betting-house at 11, Vinegar Yard.—Mr. Blanchard Weston, on behalf of the Treasury, said the facts of the case were very simple, but it was a bad instance of the pernicious habit of betting, and information having been received by the police it was considered necessary to keep observation on the premises. A number of people were seen to go there and enter the parlour at the back of the shop, which was ostensibly that of a print-colourer. On August 28th forty-eight persons were seen to enter, and a great number of persons on subsequent days. No business appeared to be carried on beyond that of betting. In consequence of complaints, Mr. Superintendent Staggles obtained a warrant, under which he entered the premises, and, after a search, secured the Upon Young 418 10s., and 25 note, upwards of 42 in silver, and books relating to betting were found. Also a number of racing slips and advertising cards relating to "The Starting Price Book-makers' Defence Association," the objects of which were represented not only to protect the interest of starting-price bookmakers throughout England, but went on to say that the organization was composed of a chairman, vice-chairman, treasurer, two trustees, a finance committee of six members, four auditors, and a secretary, who would undertake the duties of a Parliamentary agent. The object of the association was to watch over and protect starting-price bookmakers, and to insure security to them "in their legitimate calling, and to provide effective defence against unjust and trumped-up charges." The franchise fee was to be one guinea from July, 1891, to January, 1892, the monthly subscription being 2s. 6d. for London members, and 3s. per month for provincial members. The term London included the area covered by the metropolitan police, and whenever a prosecution arose the defendant would be legally represented free of charge. It appeared to be a very flourishing society, and a banking account at the London and County Banking Company, Henrietta-street. The rules of the society concluded in the following way:—"The rules enumerated in the position now, and will, no doubt, be elaborated to meet the exigencies of the association's endeavours. In any case, S.P. bookmakers claim to be loyal subjects and good citizens, and rightly demand their privilege as Englishmen. They are not to be treated as their fellow-men under the cover of the law, and, in short, to exercise their undoubted right to pursue their vocation."—Evidence having been given, Mr. Moreton Smith, on behalf of the defendants, elected to go for trial.—The accused were accordingly committed, bail being allowed.

SWINDLING IN THE DIAMOND TRADE.

A good deal of attention has been attracted in Paris by an attempt to give yellow Cape diamonds a brilliant white aspect by the use of a little aniline. A similar attempt some time since caused a commotion in the diamond trade. It has been recommended, and stones to the value of 41,000,000 are said to have been chemically treated. Some of the large Belgium merchants are supposed to be the culprits, and a score of Paris dealers have purchased diamonds at 25 to 30 per cent. above their market value. A chemist, M. Wilson, has studied the question from a purely scientific point of view, in order to find out if it is possible to absolutely alter the aspect of diamonds, so as to considerably INCREASE THEIR APPARENT VALUE. M. Wilson was surprised at the successful results of his experiments. The process followed by the chemist was based on the principle of the change in the complementary colour of yellow. M. Wilson prepared an alcoholic solution of violet aniline. He added a few grammes of benzoin as an adhesive. A yellow diamond bathed in this became white, but it had lost its brilliancy. He then prepared a solution having a larger proportion of aniline. In this preparation another yellow stone was placed for several seconds; it came out seeming its full brilliancy, and a few minutes later the stone had lost nothing of its factitious whiteness, and the most experienced eye could suspect nothing. M. Wilson has no reason to suppose that a year would produce any change. As a result of these experiments it is evident that THE FRAUD IS PERFECTLY POSSIBLE, especially as diamonds are bought without undergoing any test. A careful examination of the tinted stones, which is a matter of course, will not detect the fraud, as the tinting is so perfect that the stones are as white as the facets. Neither does the friction of a chamois leather or cloth alter the tint. There is apparently only one way of explaining the really marvellous action of the dye. 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LAST WEEK'S POLICE.

Guildhall.
FRAUD IN THE MEAT MARKET.—Edward Henry Smith, 19, a porter in the Central Meat Market, was charged with obtaining two fore-quarters of beef by means of false pretences. Frederick Jeffries, manager of the Central Meat Market, said that between 7 and 8 o'clock on Friday morning Mr. King, a customer, bought two fore-quarters of beef. About ten minutes after he had left the prisoner entered the shop, saying Mr. King had sent him for the meat. Witness knew him as a porter, and believing his statement to be true, let him take the beef away. Soon after another porter came in for the meat. Witness went to the prisoner's address at 23, Freeling-street, Camden-road, and told him he had not been sent for the meat, and asked him to go back with him to Mr. Fitter's. He did so, and Mr. Fitter gave him into custody. Several frauds of this kind had taken place in the market lately. Prisoner, who pleaded guilty, was sent to gaol for three months, with hard labour.

Westminster.
THE WHISTLING BOY.—Henry Robinson, of 88, Lote-road, Chelsea, a coal dealer, appeared to a summons before Mr. Shell, the instance of the London County Council, for hawking coal without a licence. Mr. Roberts proceeded for the council, and Mr. Robinson appeared for the accused. Harrison, one of the coal officers of the council, deposed that on the 29th of July last he saw the defendant out with his trolley in Rochester-road, Westminster, hawking coal. Witness stopped him to examine a sack which Robinson said contained half a cwt. of coal, and which was found to be a sack of coal only 48lbs. Defendant had a boy assisting him, and at the moment when the trolley was stopped the youth was in a doorway with the evident idea of getting an order. Seeing witness he gave a significant whistle, and defendant shook his head in a responsive manner. The defence set up that on the way from the wharf to Chelsea to Rochester-road a lump of coal fell off the sack found to be short in weight, and that it was so smashed in the muddy road that the pieces could not be picked up. To bear out this statement a young named Butler was called. Mr. Shell inquired if he was the whistler. (Laughter.) The council officer said "Yes." The boy denied whistling, and accounted for being in the doorway by stating that he was lighting a cigarette there. Mr. Shell expressed his intention of convicting Mr. Roberts proved a previous conviction against the defendant at this court in December last, on which occasion he was fined 25s. Mr. Shell said he would impose a similar penalty (25s) this time, and he was really a good mind to send the defendant to prison without the option of a fine at all. In default of payment defendant was committed for fourteen days.

Marlborough-street.
ALLEGED PURSE ROBBERY IN REGENT-STREET.—John Thomas, 18, a labourer, no fixed residence, was charged with having stolen a purse containing 25s. and 415s. 7d. in coin, four postal orders, and a number of stamps from Mrs. Eliza Josephine Mayall, a widow, residing in Regent-street. Mrs. Mayall said that at about 5 o'clock on Friday afternoon, while she was looking in a shop window in Regent-street, and with a friend, Thomas came up and stood at her side for a short time, and then walked away. A moment later she discovered that her purse had been opened, and her purse taken from it. Mr. C. Taylor, a lady residing at Boswell Court, Crofton, said that she followed the prisoner, and asked a man to stop him. He was eventually caught by two postmen, one of whom handed her Mrs. Mayall's purse. The prisoner was remanded.

A SUSPECTED BURGLES CAPTURED.—John Edwards, 50, a seaman, having no fixed abode, was charged with breaking and entering No. 32, Savile-row, and entering the premises in the service of Messrs. Baker, said that he slept on his employers' premises in Savile-row. At about 3 o'clock that morning he was awakened by a noise on the skylight. Finding, on making an examination of the premises, that a cord attached to the skylight, which was intact, was hanging out, he was then broken in on and spoke to a policeman on the matter. P.C. 171 C told him that in consequence of what Mr. Baker told him he procured a ladder, and with P.C. 334 C got on to the roof of Messrs. Baker's premises, and made an examination of that and neighbouring roofs. Finding the skylight of 32 open he descended into the shop, and, after looking round it, was about to go down into the shop, when he was arrested. He (the constable) said, "Come up here, then." Edwards then ascended to where they were, and, in reply to his question as to what he was doing there, said, "What do you think? I am caught, and I will go quietly." He found three pocket-knives upon him. When taken to Vine-street Police Station and charged he remarked, "I only lifted the skylight with my hand. I had intended to get into Poole's." Mr. Newton, in remanding the prisoner for a week, commended the constables for the activity they had displayed.

Marylebone.
MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF MONKEY.—Frederick Goldworthy, 29, conductor, living at 233, Brecknock-road, Kentish Town, was charged with stealing, on the 10th inst., from his lodgings, 48 on Kentish Town, a monkey belonging to Thomas Stubbington. Elizabeth Sanderson stated that she was manageress to the prosecutor, who kept a coffee-house at the above address. The prisoner had been lodging there for about three months. On Thursday morning he went away at about 9.30 without giving any notice, and did not return. Soon after he went out she missed a black leather bag from her room containing the money. The bag was afterwards found on the prisoner, but cut open, and the money abstracted. She gave information to the police, and she next saw the prisoner at the Kentish Town Police Station. There are other lodgers in the house, but they were all out at the time. She and the two servants were the only other persons on the premises. Her room door was locked, and the key was kept hanging on a hook on the dresser in the kitchen. Shortly before she discovered the loss the prisoner had been in the kitchen to write a letter, and the key was safe then. Her own door was locked after the alleged robbery, but the key had not been found, and the lock had to be picked. In answer to the charge, the prisoner now said that he knew nothing about the money, but that he had been in the Camden Town Omnibus Association, in whose employ he had been, and in this case a remand was ordered.

West London.
CHARGE OF EMBELLISHING.—Albert Batchelor, of Oxford Gardens, Notting Hill, was charged with embellishing money belonging to his employer, Mr. Otway Richard Bykes, a water-proof garment maker, of Eastway, Kentish Town. The prosecutor said he traded in the names of Messrs. Martin, Bykes, and Company. The prisoner was his manager up to the 10th of August. There was a written agreement, but it contained a clause that the business arrangements could not be constituted into a partnership. The prisoner had no right whatever to collect money and appropriate it to his own use. If he did receive money he should pay it to the firm. His travelling expenses were paid by the firm, and he had no right to pay himself out of the money he received. He (the prosecutor) advanced him £1,700 for the same purpose. The prisoner had not put a shilling into it. In August certain facts came to his knowledge. The prisoner wrote him a letter asking to be allowed to make amends and an opportunity to start a new career. In a cross-examination witness said he knew the prisoner to be a bankrupt, and if he had succeeded in obtaining his discharge there would have been a partnership. Mrs. Grove, a mantle-maker of Bristol, proved having paid the prisoner two sums of money—£18 and £13 respectively—for the firm. These sums the prosecutor proved not having received. Mr. Curtis Bennett remanded the accused, and allowed bail.

SERIOUSLY INJURED A CONSTABLE.—Henry Spurdens, 44, a constable, was charged on remand with having driven a horse attached to a light spring cart, and causing bodily injury to P.C. Cox, 20 T.R. The prisoner had been remanded on several occasions for the attendance of the injured constable, who now appeared, and walked with crutches. He stated that on the 21st of June last he was on duty in the Wandsworth Bridge-road, and saw the prisoner driving a horse of which he had called to the prisoner to stop, but he appeared to go faster. The horse caught his shoulder and knocked him down, the wheel of the trap passed over his right leg and breaking it. His head was cut in two places, and his hand was also injured. The prisoner was driving at the rate of fifteen miles an hour. The house surgeon at the Wandsworth Hospital, to which the constable was removed, said the occurrence, described as a robbery, and said it would be six months before he was able to resume duty. Mr. Curtis Bennett remanded the prisoner for committal.

North London.

THE STORY OF A DIAMOND RING.—Ellen Elton, 31, married, living in Chalgrove-road, Hackney, was charged with stealing a lady's diamond ring, value £5 10s., the property of Mary Ann Burnham, wife of a tailor. The prosecutor said that the prisoner had been in a dressmaker's employ, but she left in June. A few days after the ring was missed from a drawer in witness's bedroom. She suspected the prisoner at the time, but having no proof against her she took no steps in the matter. On Friday evening she received an anonymous letter, which stated that the ring would be found at Mr. Fish's pawnbroking establishment in Mare-street, Hackney. She communicated with the police, and that morning she saw the prisoner in custody. She admitted stealing the ring. Prisoner: I did not. I spoke to the constable. Det. Knott said he received from the pawnbroker a description of the woman who had pledged the ring, and he arrested the prisoner. On the way to the station she said she intended to rear of George Fielding, and said that the prisoner lodged it on June 24th for £2, and five days later got a further advance of £1. The prisoner seemed in a very bad state of health, and she said that she had only been confined three weeks. Mr. Horace Smith said she was not in a fit state to answer the charge now, and he accepted her husband's bail for her appearance on October 10th.

EDUCATION HAD NOT IMPROVED THEM.—George Ridge, 21, Henry Pelham, 17, and Henry Gilbert, 17, all labourers, with no homes, were charged before Mr. Horace Smith with lodging in a wagon in Allen-road, South Hornsey, without visible means of subsistence. P.C. Perry, 375 N., said he found the prisoners at 1 o'clock that morning sleeping in a van at the rear of 21, Allen-road. The three had said they had nowhere to go, and no means of obtaining a lodging. Neither Ridge nor Pelham had any friends in court, but Gilbert's mother, a respectable looking woman, came forward and said her son had got mixed up in bad company. He had had several good chances of earning his livelihood in a respectable way, but he would not do it, and she could not help him in the house. Mr. Horace Smith told him he procured a ladder, and with P.C. 334 C got on to the roof of Messrs. Baker's premises, and made an examination of that and neighbouring roofs. Finding the skylight of 32 open he descended into the shop, and, after looking round it, was about to go down into the shop, when he was arrested. He (the constable) said, "Come up here, then." Edwards then ascended to where they were, and, in reply to his question as to what he was doing there, said, "What do you think? I am caught, and I will go quietly." He found three pocket-knives upon him. When taken to Vine-street Police Station and charged he remarked, "I only lifted the skylight with my hand. I had intended to get into Poole's." Mr. Newton, in remanding the prisoner for a week, commended the constables for the activity they had displayed.

Southwark.
ALLEGED CROOKED FRAUDS.—Charles Warner, 41, grocer, of Filmer-road, Fulham, was charged with obtaining various sums of money by means of cheques. It appeared that Warner was in the habit of purchasing goods in the Borough Market, and he presented on the 31st July a cheque for £10 to Mr. Davis, a salesman, and received cash for it, and a subsequent cheque for £16 and £8 respectively for which he obtained goods and cash, all of these being subsequently dishonoured. They were signed by Mr. Barker on the London and County Bank, and were returned "referred to drawer." The prisoner was remanded.

Lambeth.
NEGLECT AND BRUTALITY.—Charles Brown, sweep, living in a common lodging-house, was charged on remand before Mr. Birton with neglecting to maintain his wife and child, whereby they had become chargeable to the parish of Camberwell. Mr. Hall, relieving officer, stated that the wife and child became chargeable for some time before August. On the 10th of that month the prisoner took them out, but on the same night again left them to go into the workhouse. Mr. Birton said he had remanded the case for the prisoner to provide a home for his wife and child. Mr. Hall said that that was the case, and the matter had been adjourned to give him that opportunity. Instead of doing so, and when not far from the police court, he struck her in the face in a brutal manner with his fist, and she now bore marks of the brutality she had been subjected to at the hands of the prisoner. The wife and child had since become chargeable. Mr. Birton sentenced the prisoner to one month's hard labour.

CHARGE OF SUICIDE.—Edward Manner, 32, described as a waiter, until lately residing in Hayle-street, St. George's-road, was brought up on a warrant from St. Thomas's Hospital upon a charge of attempting to commit suicide by cutting his throat with a razor. P.C. 19 L. stated that on the 12th of August, about 4 o'clock in the morning, he was called to a house in Hayle-street, where he found the prisoner Manner lying on a bed with his throat cut.

Clerkenwell.

THEFT OF FURS.—Edward Stein, 30, a traveller, was charged on remand with having stolen a quantity of fur skins, value £40, the goods of Lewis Levy. The prosecutor carries on a fur store business in the City, and he employed a man named Charles Giddens to make up the furs. Giddens had a large number of sable skins and seven dozen of musquash skins to work up at his home in Frome-street, Islington. The prisoner, who was an acquaintance of Giddens, called on him on the 11th July and had tea. Later in the night he returned and represented that he had been locked out of his lodgings, and asked if he could be accommodated. Giddens gave him a night's lodging, but discovered that the prisoner had absconded in the morning, and that from a room on the first floor there were missing 119 sable skins and the musquash skins, the value of which was put at £40. The prisoner evaded arrest until the night of the 4th September, and then when charged confessed his guilt and made a statement that he had conveyed the skins to a house in the neighbourhood of Islington, where he had taken them in a card gambling game, and he had been cheated out of the lot. He now pleaded guilty, and was sentenced by Mr. Montagu Williams to six months' hard labour.

THE REVOLVER NUISANCE.—Walter Griggs, about 25 years of age, of respectable appearance, but who said he was a labourer, who had been apprehended by P.C. Hall 205 G, a warrant officer of the court, was charged on remand with feloniously shooting at Eugene Beard, with a revolver, with intent to kill. The prosecutor is a married woman, living in White Conduit-street, Islington, and the prisoner had been a lodger in the house for months. The woman said they had had a quarrel, and on the afternoon of the 2nd inst., when in the garden, she heard a report as of a revolver, and saw the prisoner, who was armed with a revolver, and she ran in fright, and on the following day, when she saw the prisoner, asked him what he meant by frightening her. He then said he should fire at her again, and she, alarmed, applied to the court for a warrant. When arrested by the officer, the prisoner gave up a revolver, which, however, proved to be useless, as the vent was choked, and the pellet would not go. He said he had only let off a shot at the prosecutor, and had bought the revolver in South America. Mr. Montagu Williams said he should not send the prisoner for trial, but ordered him to enter his own bail for his good behaviour for six months.

Wandsworth.
SUSPECTED WHOLESALE ROBBERIES.—Lucy Holloway, a young widow, living at Hanbury-street, Battersea, was charged with stealing from the premises of the London and South-Western Railway Company a Gladstone bag containing a suit of clothes, three £5 notes, and other things. Only sufficient evidence was taken to justify a remand. The prisoner was remanded on August 23rd. The police having reason to suspect the accused, obtained a search warrant and overhauled her residence, where a large quantity of property, supposed to be the proceeds of railway robberies and burglaries, was found. The things that were discovered lie at the Wandsworth Police Station for identification. They include valuable ornaments, watches, and dress material, probably samples that were carried by commercial travellers. The accused was remanded for a week.

Greenwich.
BRUTAL TREATMENT OF HORSES.—Stephen Barry, 40, carman, of 41, Millstream-road, Bermondsey, was charged on remand with cruelty to a horse by working it on an unfit state at Burnt Ash-road, Lee. The horse was employed in drawing a fish offal van, and on a constable examining it he found it to be totally unfit to draw the load, and was in such a condition that the remainder of the journey would be ruinous to it. Mr. Higgins, whose wife now attended the court, and said her husband was in Ireland. The horse was all right when it left their premises. Sergeant Short, the gaoler, said in January last Barry was fined 10s. at the court for cruelty. Mr. Kennedy said he was very sorry that Higgins was not before him, for he had been charged before him at Southwark, Greenwich, and Woolwich with causing horses to be cruelly worked, and he believed he had also been charged at Stratford and Bromley. As to Barry, he had been already convicted, and would now go to prison for six weeks, with hard labour. Mrs. Higgins asked that a fine might be imposed, which Mr. Kennedy refused, and said if the case was proved against her husband he would send him for three months.

Croydon.
FIFTY SHILLINGS AND A CAULIFLOWER FOR A HORSE.—Henry Healey, a middle aged man living at Mitcham, was summoned at the instance of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for cruelty to a horse by beating it with a whip. Stephen Farrer, a boy of 12, stated that on the day in question his father sent him to Croydon, to fetch a cauliflower for his mother. He had much difficulty in getting the animal along, and the defendant came up and beat it with a whip, the thought of which indicated a cut close to the horse's eye, and caused it to bleed. He struck it five times in all. In turning a corner the animal fell down and hurt its knees. Mr. Dennis (the defending solicitor) believed that the father gave 50s. and a cauliflower for the horse, did he not? (Laughter.) Witness: I don't know. Mr. Judd, one of the magistrates (after examining the whip) The unsatisfactory part of the case is that the whip does not seem adequate to have done what has been alleged. The summons was dismissed.

West Ham.

STRICT CHARGE OF ARSON.—Martha McEvoy, 70, described as a shopkeeper, of 8, Ordnance-road, Canning Town, was charged with feloniously setting fire to the shop and dwelling-house, 8, Ordnance-road, Canning Town, on Friday morning. She was in the shop at 8 o'clock, and was aroused by the noise of something falling. She went to the door and heard a similar noise, and then on looking out the window she saw smoke issuing from the back door. She dressed, and running round to the back door she knocked loudly. She came to the door. She was fully dressed and had her bonnet and shawl in her hands. She was asked if any one was in the house, and said "No." Witness saw smoke and flames in her back room, and as his two children slept in an apartment above that room, he ran to his own place and got the children out with great difficulty. He took them into another house, and then saw prisoner walking about outside her own shop. She asked for no assistance, but was very excited. Prisoner, when told to put questions to the witness, said that she had two doors and that she had opened one of them. Mr. Van Cane. It was the opening of that door which let out the smoke and attracted his attention. She was, she added, nearly suffocated. William Henry Pettit, who was in charge of the Barking-road station of the West Ham fire brigade, said he received a call to 8, Ordnance-road at 3.11 a.m., and was on the spot at 3.15. The shop parlour was well alight, and he got the hydrant to work and extinguished the fire. Towards spoke to prisoner (who was slightly burnt), and asked if she could give a cause for the fire. She said she could give no reason, and added, "I was waiting up for a lodger. I suppose I must have dropped off to sleep. I was awake by being burnt."

INQUESTS.
A GIRL FOUND DEAD.—An inquiry was held by Mr. S. P. Langham, the coroner, the death of Florence Barker, 11, daughter of the late John Barker of Sturges-street, Great Suffolk-street. John Henry Mills identified deceased as his daughter, and said he last saw her alive on Sunday evening. She was then quite well. About two years ago she had married the St. Vitus's dance, but she had since enjoyed fairly good health. William Mills, son of the late witness, deposed that he slept in the same room as deceased. He awoke about a quarter to 6 on Thursday morning, and observing her lying outside the door, he went to cover her over with the clothes, when he found her dead. Dr. Wordley deposed that he was called in on Thursday morning and found that the deceased had been dead for some hours. The post mortem examination showed that the child had been ill for some time, death being due to pericarditis. A verdict to that effect was returned.

INQUEST TO CHILDREN.—Dr. Danford Thomas held an inquest respecting the death of Henry Stout, 8, the son of a painter, living at Falconer Mews, Offenham Terrace, West Kilburn. The evidence showed that on Wednesday afternoon deceased attended school. After leaving he was seen riding on the "back board" of a four-wheeled cab near the Chippendale Hotel, in Haverhill-road. Suddenly he dropped and ran round an omnibus, and into contact with a baker's van. The animal knocked him down, and the hind wheel passed over his head. He was taken to a surgery and died in three minutes. Harry Ireland, driver to Mr. Davy, baker, of Harrow-road, said he was driving steadily at the time. The boy came upon his horse so suddenly that he had no time to prevent him from touching him. A verdict of accidental death was returned. A second inquest was held touching the death of Bertram Fairbrother, 5, son of a carman of Hampden-street, Harrow-road. On Tuesday evening the deceased with others were amusing themselves with picking up maggots that fell from a van. The driver, James Buck, cautioned the children to go away. In a few minutes he mounted on the near side wheel. It passed over the stomach. He was taken to St. Mary's Hospital and died on Thursday from internal injuries. Accidental death was the verdict.

DIED IN A FIT.—Dr. George Danford Thomas held an inquest touching the death of Bridget O'Donnell, 30, an ironer, of 4, Grot's Passage, Marylebone. It was shown that the deceased had for some fourteen years been subjected to epileptic fits, otherwise she enjoyed very good health. On Monday morning her mother called her about 9 o'clock to get up, and she replied, "All right." About an hour and a half afterwards her mother, in consequence of the deceased not having got up, went into the bedroom and found deceased lying half off the bed, very blue in the face, and she had been vomiting. On examining her she found that she was cold and lifeless. Mr. Barnes, of Paddington-street, deposed that death had been caused by suffocation, caused when in an epileptic fit. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence.

A CHILD SCALDED TO DEATH.—Mr. Langham held an inquest concerning the death of Arthur Edward Farley, aged 16 months, the son of a compositor, living at Coleshall-street, York-street, Waltham, and had begun to fill before the terrible situation had been realised either on the sinking craft or the steamer. So far as can be learned, the first unusual sound heard by the look-out on the steamer was a child's cry. Of the twenty-four of the free-labour men on board only ten were accounted for, and one child was drowned.

STATEMENT BY A SURVIVOR.
 Mr. Graeme Hunter has made the following statement:—"I was in the stern with a little girl on each knee. Mr. McKeever himself was at the helm, and one of his men was keeping a look out. We had lights out, I am perfectly sure of that. The crash was the first warning I got. I dashed forward through my men, and a glance showed me that we were sinking. The launch boats were cast overboard, and the water was running in. All was excitement, and I saw the seconds were precious. I feared we might get into the steamer's paddles, which I could now see so clearly. I called to Mr. McKeever, and our engines were backed in the hope that we might reach the shore before we sank. My men divided my thoughts with my little girl."

STRANGE DEATH OF A SERVANT.—Dr. Digdale held an inquest on the body of Emma Dugdale, a single woman, who was found dead in a shallow piece of water at Isalworth. Mary Ann Farley, a housemaid, Eambsbrook Gardens, Kensington, said the deceased had been there as cook for over five years, and had been compelled to leave as she had contracted drinking habits. The other evidence was to the effect that, late on the day that deceased left her situation, Mr. James A. Keating, a tutor, who was an umbrella sticking in the back, and upon going to the spot he saw the dead body of a woman. Insp. Horben informed the jury that a plucked fowl was lying close to the deceased. He thought, from the appearance of the fowl, that the deceased was picking wild fowls from her back when she fell in and lost her life. The jury returned an open verdict of found drowned.

Stoke Newington.

INQUIRY INTO THE DEATH OF WALTER RADBURN.—Dr. Thomas held an inquiry into the death of Walter Radburn, 30, late of Langdon-road. According to the widow of the deceased, her husband's last occupation was that of a gunpowder maker in South America. During the last two years they had resided in London, and he was unable to work. He had been partially paralysed on his left side, and was confined to his bed. He was taken to the National Hospital for Paralysis, and three weeks ago left the Islington workhouse infirmary. Since then he had been very depressed, and threatened to drown himself in Highgate Pond. He left home on Tuesday night, ostensibly to attend a concert, and never returned. A fortnight ago he wanted her to police his self and the children, of whom they had three. When they were skating on the ice which covered Highgate Pond, the deceased was asked to her "This would be a good place in which to drown oneself." Dr. Wright, medical officer at Islington workhouse, had called her husband "an impostor." The Coroner: I have received a telegram from Dr. Wright, who is away, denying this allegation, and said "Mr. Hunter, you will want some one to look after the kids." He said, "Yes, Smith, will you take care?" I said, "Yes, sir." William Mearns, of Volga-street, Belfast, was near me. Mr. Hunter said, "Bill, will you take care?" I want to see about the men. Poor Bill said, "Certainly, sir, I can get her ashore." The poor few things were clinging to each other wildly, and each one screamed that me to my mother. We were just then the water came over the gunwale, and when she was sinking Mearns jumped. The same minute my little one clasped me. I went down, and then came up and held the child as high over my head as I could. Before jumping I shouted "Bill, jump for your life." When I got to the surface three men were on one side of me and two on the other. One said to me, "Get off me, and another shouted 'Keep back, don't you see he has got a child.' They then left me, and I was ashore before I knew. When I reached the beach I was totally exhausted, but some one came, and the little child I am proud of saving was soon in Mr. Corcoran's kitchen."

POLICE COURT PROCEEDINGS.
 A London correspondent telegraphs that grapple parties have been at work at the scene of the disaster on Loch Foyle, but so far only one body has been recovered, that of a labourer named O'Malley, of Dublin. Francis McKeever, owner of the ill-fated steamer-launch, has been brought before the magistrates and charged with causing the disaster by mismanagement, and a similar charge has been brought against the assistant fireman.

Violent storms caused much damage in country places in Central Spain. The railway service was partly interrupted in Andalusia.

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And one thing is CERTAIN, PURE, AND BRIGHT,
That all who truly follow HOPE and BRIGHT
FIND A PATH TO OTHER UNDEVELOPED VALLES,
Will attain the height of their desires
By doing each day well the turn,
And no true friend will want more
Than the really grand intelligence supplied by
The "Memories of Peoples" which are dated
Successfully all private good and small,
And now again triumphantly over all.
And we wish to draw your attention here,
And secure victory until the human end.
A remembered Gospel is written at every word,
And ended on THE POPULAR FAVORITES, HOPE and
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LEICESTER AND MANCHESTER.
Sterling Intelligence makes all the difference between
GOOD WEEK and a BAD ONE.
And to ensure the former
HOPE AND BRIGHT
must be followed. Last year, at the identical meeting,
they absolutely stood
IN ALL TELEGRAMS,
IN ALL MESSAGES,
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LEICESTER AND MANCHESTER MEETINGS.

To Messrs. BOWD and HILLIARD, Meeting Rooms,
Office, Somerset House, London, N.

Dear Sirs,—In accordance with your Grand Order re-
garding our next Working meeting, we have arranged
that you Ten Shillings for the week's Message, or
your distinct Guarantee that if the results of following
sessions at starting point show winning results at
end of week, then you positively agree to forward
Telegram of £1000 by Newmarket First post, or guarantee to return to us, in full if first preferred.

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IMPORTANT.—Kindly write Address plainly to avoid
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Remember, our Fee is TEN SHILLINGS for the Five
Weeks' Meetings, and no other charge whatever.
Another week's visit free if satisfaction is not given; other-
wise, we always keep our word. So send on at once for
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They are sent only in private envelopes, and this makes
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HUNDREDS of letters like at good prices. Week before
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BUCCAARE
Her Handicap, and several others followed up by
ALLOWAY COMMON.
and many others of the same
NOW IS A GRAND TIME

to subscribe to end of season, the following events
very good indeed the

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our selected. We fear nothing
Also some of the following selections
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Do not miss our **GRAND** and **ALLIANCE** ready.
contains the above splendid investments. Our
subscribers can see for themselves.

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For these Grand Private Letters, we have
Fifty Pounds to give to our clients. We
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FOR BRIGHT'S PRIVATE LETTER
September 18th, 1861

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"THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

There were eight cases of suicide last week in the metropolis.

There were 2,696 births and 1,217 deaths in London last week.

Sir Edwin Arnold says Fleet-street is the most poetical place in the world.

Nine infants under a year old were suffocated in bed in London last week.

There were seventy-nine deaths last week in Edinburgh.

The electric light installation at Brighton has cost the town £22,000.

Madame Patti's Swansea concert in aid of the local charities realised £500.

Miss Minnie Palmer desires for the future to make London her headquarters.

No fewer than 20,000 children learn Dutch as well as English in the Cape schools.

Cape Colony contains 1,535,739 souls, an increase of 321 per cent. in sixteen years.

Postal money orders are, it is believed, about to be experimentally introduced in Russia.

The mortality in Glasgow last week was at the annual rate of twenty per 1,000 of the population.

Influenza is rarely disappearing. There were only four deaths last week in the metropolis.

Mrs. Grimwood, the heroine of Manipur, has journeyed to Baltimore on a visit to the Queen.

Miner Fraser, of Cleland, Wiltshire, ended his life by jumping into a disused quarry which was filled with water.

A coroner's jury at Bath has returned a verdict of wilful murder against Henry Dainton, whose wife's body was taken from the River Avon last week.

A Swedish journalist, M. Vagreen, has started in a small rowing boat from Gothenburg for Bremerhaven, whence he intends to row in the same frail craft to England.

At Geneva on Monday, as an inspector of police was conducting the Anarchist Bohich to the station, a shot was fired at him from a revolver. The ball was afterwards found in a coffee-house.

It is stated that, with the consent of Sir Andrew Clark, M. Gladstone has definitely decided to go to Newcastle in connection with the annual conference of the National Liberal Federation.

The Emperor of Austria had an enthusiastic reception at Bistritz, in Transylvania, where he is attending the manoeuvres of the Hungarian Army, and many loyal addresses were presented to his Majesty.

An Odessa correspondent says that during the next five weeks between eight and ten thousand soldiers will be conveyed to Russian Volunteer Fleet steamers from Batoum, where they will arrive from the Caucasus, to Sebastopol and Odessa.

Mr. J. J. Powell, Q.C., judge of the Lambeth and Greenwich County Courts, died suddenly on Tuesday at Widmore Lodge, Bickley, while on a visit. The deceased gentleman, who was in his seventy-fifth year, formerly represented Gloucester in the Liberal interest.

A married couple named Favreque, living at Roubaix, France, have just celebrated their golden wedding. The procession which escorted them to church on the occasion was made up of their twenty-two children, grand-children, and great-grandchildren.

Three thousand and five hundred hands employed in the lumber mills of Ottawa have struck work, demanding increased pay and shorter hours. The wages had been reduced in the spring, and the men seek a restoration of the rate of wages.

A fire broke out at a small hotel in Quebec on Sunday, and it spread with such rapidity that thirty-four houses, a church, and a shipyard were destroyed, and seventy-five families made homeless. There was an inadequate supply of water, and the fire burnt itself out. The loss is estimated at 100,000 dollars.

According to returns just published by the French inland Revenue Department, the best crop of wheat treated during the season comprised between the 1st September, 1890, and the 31st August last amounted to nearly six and a half million tons, which yielded half a million tons of sugar.

The "Free Cosack" Ashmole, who took charge of an expedition to Abyssinia two years ago, has just been arrested. He has been collecting some Cosack troops for another expedition, and is coming to the ears of the authorities at Bender, where he was lately staying, he was arrested whilst trying to cross the frontier near Beni.

The funeral of M. Grévy took place on Monday at Mont-Sauvage. Among the mourners were MMs. de Freycinet, Rouvier, Fallières, Ferry, and Floquet. There was a religious service in the village church, and funeral orations were delivered in a tent near the cemetery. A small body of infantry, cavalry, and artillery attended to do military honours to the deceased statesman.

Sir Charles Russell, speaking at Doncaster the other night, claimed that the tide was rising in favour of Liberalism. They were rising on the eve of a momentous battle, which was to decide which party of the State was to have the direction of its affairs, and circumstances ought to encourage the Liberals. The prejudice against Home Rule was being dispelled, and the Irish question beginning to understand the Irish question.

The death took place in Edinburgh on Tuesday of Sir John Russell, Bt., a scion of the House of Russell, who had been in delicate health for some time, and had done little work during recent years. Sir John, who had reached the advanced age of 87, was a native of Aberdeen. His principal work, and the one for which he received his knighthood, was the equestrian statue of Prince Albert in Charlotte-square, Edinburgh, which was unveiled by the Queen on the 17th August, 1876.

The trial for a series of robberies on the Northern of Fife, in which four persons, a ticket collector, a guard, and the wife of a ticket collector, were concerned, has been brought to a close at Beaumaris. The penalties inflicted varied from one month to two years' imprisonment. The woman Gorand, widow of the porter at the Liancourt Station, whose suicide brought about the discovery of the conspiracy and the arrest of the gang, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment.

Maria Nichol, who stated that she was a domestic servant, was charged at the North London Police Court, with travelling on the London and South-Western Railway without a ticket, and with intent to defraud the company. The defendant, on the occasion of the race at Windsor, took a third-class single ticket from that place to Datchet. Being suspected, he was watched, and he was seen to alight at Clapham Junction, where he joined another train. At Queen's-road Station he gave up a third-class ticket for a journey from Clapham to Vauxhall. Mr. Plowden

and the defendant, with costs, or four months' imprisonment.

There are said to be only about fifty business left in Wrotham.

Lord Harschell has fixed Friday, the 2nd of October, for the opening of the Morrison House at the Homes for Orphans, Swanley, Kent.

Cardinal Botelli died at 11 o'clock on Tuesday night. The Pope, it is said, is deeply affected at the death of this distinguished prelate.

The memorial of the late Bishop of Dover has just been placed in the nave of Canterbury Cathedral, and will be unveiled by the Frigate about the middle of October.

The President of Salvador, has replied to a message of inquiry from a London mercantile house that there has been "no misfortune throughout the country"—thus contradicting the accounts published in New York.

The mail steamship Sorata, which arrived in Plymouth Sound from South America and the Pacific, reported that yellow fever had broken out among the passengers, and had proved fatal in two cases.

A resolution has been adopted by the Dublin Corporation, authorising an application to the Board of Trade for a provisional order empowering the corporation to supply electric lighting for public and private purposes.

An elderly man on Blackfriars Bridge on Monday evening was seen to deliberately mount the parapet, when a policeman, who was directing the traffic, made an attempt to seize him, but the man jumped into the river and was drowned.

A sentence of three months' imprisonment was passed at Waterford on a young man named William Woods, who, while on board the steamship Kathlin, from Plymouth, had robbed some of the passengers of money, rings, and other articles.

Mr. John Rose, the newly-appointed metropolitan police magistrate, took the oath and was sworn in as a magistrate on Tuesday morning before Mr. Justice Collins, at Queen's Bench judges' chambers. Mr. Rose will begin his duties at the Worship-street Police Court.

The Spalding branch refused to renew a license on the ground that it was not needed to meet the requirements of the district. The house was situated in a sparsely populated district, and there were several others in the immediate locality, and there was also a conviction recorded against it during the year.

The Duke of Portland presented £600 in aid of the endowment of the parish church at Belovier, near Chesham, and the governors of Queen Anne's Bounty have granted £400, so that in future the benefice will enjoy the interest of the capitalised sum of £1,000, in addition to the previous income.

The officers of the Fishmongers' Company seized, during last month, at near Billingsgate Market, 61 tons of fish as unfit for human food. The weight of fish delivered at Billingsgate was 12,125 tons. At Shadwell Market, out of a total delivery in August of 1,324 tons of fish, nineteen tons were seized.

A committee has been formed at Taunton to repair the structure known as the Wellington Monument, erected at Wellington, in Somersetshire. The stone at the top of the monument has for some time been loose, and unsafe, and a steep climb having inspected the work, reported to the committee as to its dangerous condition.

During the last month the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children investigated 651 complaints of cruelty, affecting the welfare of 1,600 children. In 370 cases warnings were given, 87 cases were of so gross a nature as to necessitate prosecutions (83 convicted, 4 discharged), and the remainder were dealt with in other ways.

The Carpenters' Company, in conjunction with the Council of King's College, have established at that college wood-carving classes. The day classes are held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons, from 2 till 5, and the evening classes on Mondays and Wednesdays, from seven till nine. Ladies will be permitted to attend, and prizes are offered by the company.

The opening meeting of the new educational session of the City of London Young Men's Christian Association, 1891, Aldersgate-street, will take place on Monday, the 22nd of September. The Duchess of Albany has consented to distribute the prizes awarded to the successful students at the examinations held at the close of the past session, and to the winners of athletic prizes.

The Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, Lord Colville of Culross, Sir Julian Goldsmid, Bart., M.P., Sir Matthew W. Thompson, Bart., Sir Charles Hall, Q.C., M.P., Sir Henry Kelly, Bart., and Sir F. Wyatt Truscott, are among the patrons of the third annual grand ball in aid of the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn-road, which will take place on Tuesday, December 1st, at the Holborn Town Hall.

A commission will shortly be issued by the Bishop of London to inquire into the expediency of uniting the benefices of All Hallows, Barking, and St. Dunstan-in-the-East, and the Court of Common Council at their next meeting will be requested to nominate two of the commissioners. Both the livings are in the gift of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

An inquest has been held on the body of Mr. John Le Neven, formerly mayor of St. Clements, Jersey, and latterly a patient in a private asylum at Jersey, who on Sunday jumped from the window of his apartment to the balcony, 15ft. below, and falling on his head died within an hour. Mr. Le Neven was well known in the island and was highly respected.

At the inquiry into the Bedminster colliery accident on the 31st of August, it appeared that the explosion was caused by a naked light carried by one of the victims. The light carrier remarked that if this man had survived he should have recommended a verdict of manslaughter, but as the poor fellow was dead a more general verdict would meet the case. The jury found a verdict in accordance with the evidence.

A young man named William Hunter was charged before the South Shields magistrates with shooting, with intent to murder, his father, Thomas Hunter, of the Earl Grey Inn, Newcastle. The prisoner's father and mother quarrelled on Sunday. The prisoner got out of bed, ran downstairs, and fired two shots from a revolver, wounding his father in the left ear. The prisoner gave himself up to the police. The defence was that there was no intent to injure. The magistrates reduced the charge to one of assault, and fined the prisoner 20s.

Sir M. H. Beach, speaking at Trowbridge, favourably contrasted the home and foreign policy of the present government with that of their Radical predecessors. He also compared the benefits derived from the agricultural depression to the Allotments Act with the programme suggested by the Gladstonian doctrine, and remarked that the Conservative administration, supported by the Unionist party, was pledged to carry out the policy of that Act, especially in regard to small holdings.

Luigi Adamoli, aged 31, engineer on board the Austrian steamer St. Kennedy, now undergoing repairs at Falmouth, on Monday night, chased a revolver, and, having loaded it, entered the vessel from the back, and placing the weapon to his head, shot himself through the right ear. His body was afterwards found, together with the revolver. Six or seven years ago the deceased, after the death of his wife, became very distressed, and then made

an ineffectual attempt at suicide by shooting himself.

Different forms of violence were responsible for forty-eight deaths in London last week.

It has now been decided to unveil the monument to Garibaldi at Nice on October 4th.

At Newburg, New York, a couple were married on the lawn in front of the bride's home before 200 guests.

A female engineer, Miss Ida Hewitt, is regularly employed on the Cairo and Kanawha Valley Railroad in West Virginia.

A New York clergyman has, according to a New York paper, married 12,000 couples and received over \$50,000 wedding fees.

The Prince of Wales arrived in Aberdeen on Wednesday morning, and proceeded to Balmoral on a visit to the Queen. His royal highness was loudly cheered by a large crowd.

The Portuguese commissioner for the delimitation of Manicland had several conferences with Major Lawson at Monznique.

The French Government has decided that in the mountains of the Cote d'Or the stag is to be placed in the list of destructive animals, and may be shot all the year round in that department.

These theatre in Cranbourne-street, hard by Leicester-square, which has been in course of erection for some considerable time, will probably be opened by Mr. Augustin Daly instead of by Miss Ames Huntington. The new house will hold 1,600 people.

It is quite true that Sir Arthur Sullivan may eventually have to submit to an operation, but since a few weeks ago, on the advice of Sir Andrew Clark, he left London for Carlsbad, his state of health has improved rather than otherwise.

The cost of the English poor, taking the Lady Day figures as a test, was £1,948, for the five years 1873-82, it was £1,742, in 1883, £1,742, in 1884, £1,742, in 1885, and £1,742, in 1886.

Mrs. Martha Lightly, of 37, Cornhill-road, Holloway, an old lady of 92, broke her arm near the shoulder. To bandage it her doctor had, owing to the severe pain, to administer chloroform. The poor old lady, however, sank from exhaustion, and died later in the day.

A railway engine, with two ordinary passenger coaches and a private car, made a mile in 39.4 seconds between Nethermymy Falls and Langhorne, Penn. This is said to be the fastest mile ever made on any railroad in the world. It was at the rate of more than 91 miles an hour.

It is said in a cookery-book published in Berlin in 1807 that a favorite dish at that period was roe soup. It was made of the roe of eels, with milk, white of eggs, vanilla, and sugar. Another popular dish was breast of fowl, steamed with sugar and rose-water.

The native name of the Queen of the Sandwich Islands, "Liliuokalani," may be rendered by the graceful English equivalent of "Lily-of-the-Sky." She is a comfortable, motherly-looking body of 50. Foreigners, however, have hitherto styled her more commonly Princess Lydia or Mrs. Dominia.

Harmon Murray, a notorious coloured outlaw, who had been in the authorities of Alachua county, Florida, for nearly a year, was shot and killed the other morning by Handy Early, a coloured lad of 17 years. Murray had killed seven men, and a reward of 1,500 dollars was offered for his capture, alive or dead.

John Elliot, late secretary of the Chesham branch of the National Union of Boot and Shoe Operatives, was committed for trial at Chesham, charged with embezzling the sum of £20 5s. received by him on account of the union. The defendant was the founder of the Chesham branch, and of two others in Northamptonshire. He admitted having had the money, but denied any felonious intent.

A sensible distaste for deep mourning, heavy crapes, and other accepted tokens of bereavement appears to be on the increase. To more than one obituary announcement lately there has been attached the intimation that the surviving relatives do not intend to wear black. After a while the announcement "No mourning," may become as frequent as "No cards" and "No flowers" are now.

The committee which has been inquiring into the Canadian scandals has issued two reports. That of the majority states that there has been a conspiracy to defraud the Government, and it recommends a prosecution, to assist which the books and papers produced before the committee have been impounded. This report will be adopted by the House of Commons. The minority report, strongly condemns Mr. McGreevy, and finds that Sir H. Laurier had passively connived at certain transactions.

At St. Saviour's Church, Dartmouth, Devon, the Misses Penelope Fraake, daughter of Sir Thomas Fraake, was married to Mr. John Devonish Gouldsmith. The bride looked charming in a tight-fitting white satin gown. The town was en fête, all the shops being closed, and the ceremony being made the occasion for a general holiday. Provision was made by Sir Thomas Fraake for the entertainment of some 1,500 children, and a grand ball was given for the benefit of the school. The bride was followed by a procession of bridesmaids and bridesmaids, and the ceremony was a most successful one.

A Conservative demonstration was held at Kirklington, near Newark, the seat of Mr. Harry F. Pollock, Conservative candidate for the Spalding Division at the next election. The Earl of Winchester and Nottingham declared that the record of the present Government was unsurpassed in history, and Sir Selwyn-Edmond, M.P., who contrasted the policy of the Unionist Government with that of the Gladstonian, declared that as the result of the policy of the present Government the commercial prosperity of the country had increased, and was still increasing.

Some errors have found their way into print concerning the will of the late Duke of Cleveland, the most striking of which is that which attributed to his grace a personality of two millions. As a fact, it was just half that sum, and Mr. Powlett Milbank, second son of Sir E. Milbank, and Mr. Arthur Hall, finders of a residuary legatee about £400,000. Bathwick is left to Mr. F. Forester, and to him also will come Battle Abbey after the death of the duchess. As far as is generally known, with the exception of £1,000 to the valet, there was nothing "willed" to any old servant, charity, or public object.

The enthronement of Dr. MacLagan as Archbishop of York was performed in the Minster on Tuesday. All parts of the north province were represented at the gathering. In his address the archbishop, referring to the onerous duties of his office, said that, as he was a bishop before an archbishop, his chief responsibility would be the spiritual oversight of the souls committed to his charge. He especially mentioned the strong claims of evangelistic work in the villages. After the ceremony, addresses of

welcome were presented by the corporation, as well as by the Dean and Chapter of York.

The eighteen months' old son of James Sharp, Jan., Orville Cottage, Kibberville, fell in to a tub of liquid used for gardening purposes, and was drowned.

The actual number of prisoners detained in convict prisons in England (3,334) in July last, is only half the convict prison population of eight or nine years ago.

South Africa has four colleges, which have a staff of twenty-two professors and lecturers, with 171 students ready for degrees. The state spends £2,115 on the four.

More than 11,000 deaths from cholera occurred during the Mecca pilgrimage this summer, but the disease is said to have now practically disappeared both at Jeddah and Mecca.

Two Belfast policemen found a labourer named Mc'Cotcheon smashing his furniture. When they attempted his arrest he dropped dead at their feet. Heart disease was the cause of his end.

For the five years ending with 1884, the yearly average number of persons sentenced to penal servitude in England and Wales was 2,800, while in the year 1890 the number was only 728.

As a Cambridge train was approaching the Newmarket-road Bridge, John Bier, of Norwich, took his coat and hat off and then laid down on the line. His head was subsequently picked up some distance from the body.

The amount expended on "in-maintenance" and "out-door relief" in the 648 unions and parishes under separate boards of guardians in England and Wales during the half-year ending Lady Day was £2,187,295.

Will Mr. Dan Godfrey be compelled to retire from the bandmastership of the Grenadier Guards? Next month Mr. Godfrey will be 60 years of age, and, according to the Army regulations, he ought then to resign.

Mr. Charles Maisnier, son of the deceased artist, has announced that he intends to pre-empt his father's atelier and all it contains to the State, in order to form a Maisnier Museum in the place where the master accomplished the last part of his great work.

At the Hampstead Police Court on Wednesday, Mr. B. W. Smith, the chairman of the bench, expressed his sub-divisional inspector Collis, S. Division, the magistrate's regret on learning of the resignation of a Metropolitan police officer, who had been handed to the inspector a written testimonial.

During the absence of the Queen various papers being carried out at Windsor Castle. Some important alterations are also being executed in St. George's Chapel, where the altar before which the royal weddings are solemnized and the marble pavement of the communion dais are being rearranged.

This is a resolution of the co. Westmeath branch of the Irish National Federation—"That, having heard that some titled creatures expect to have in this country a happy hunting ground, the committee hereby express their hearty concern that we will allow no sympathies with felonious and evicting landlordism to ride over our lands so long as we have an evicted farm in the district."

Comparing the present population of Cape Colony with what it was in 1875, we find that the white population have increased from 236,783 to 337,000; the aborigines, or Kafirs, Vingoos, Bechuanas, Damaras, and other Beasutas, from 227,636 to 340,465; and the other aboriginal people, or Hotentots, and other Cape-born coloured persons, also Chinese, Indians, &c., from 195,571 to 277,872.

As the steamer leaving Old Swan Pier the other evening for Greenwich was about to start a little boy 4 years of age accidentally fell into the water, and the strong ebb tide carried him into one of the floats of the piers, whence he was rescued by Mr. John Bowling, a carpenter, who gallantly dived into the water, and, with the aid of the passengers, succeeded in rescuing the child and restoring him to his parents.

Ever since the Linthwaite murder, Mrs. Margaret Brook, landlady of the Ivy Hotel, Linthwaite, the scene of the murder of Catherine Dennis, the Welsh girl, has desired to get out of the house, and on Tuesday the license was, on her own application before the county justices, transferred from her to William Hays, collector to the Linthwaite Local Board, Superintendent Pickard making no objection.

As the Queen of Spain and her children were out walking at St. Sebastian, they came to a water-mill, and the Queen herself weighed. The Queen herself weighed 110lb.; the Princess of the Asturias, 42lb.; the Infanta Maria Teresa, 52lb.; and the little king 30lb. So that the combined weight of the whole family is 234lb.—about as much (says Woman, which tells the story) as old Queen Isabella by herself.

A correspondent avers that Senapati shortly before his death telegraphed an appeal to the Queen; he acknowledged the sovereignty of her Majesty over the State, prayed her to exercise the prerogative of pardon, and to commute his sentence, or at least to defer his execution until she had had an opportunity of reading the papers relating to the outbreak. Sir Henry Ponsonby replied that the message had been sent to Lord Crowsley, who alone had the power to advise her Majesty in the matter.

The Orient Line have added to their fleet a twin screw steamer named the Ophiya, of 6,500 tons register and 9,500 horse-power. The twin screw arrangement not only dispenses with the old locomotive purposes, but will enable the vessel to go at three-quarter speed even with one set of engines disabled. She can carry coal enough to enable her to drive at a speed of eighteen knots for a distance of 14,000 miles, or continue running at a speed of ten knots for 130 consecutive days.

At the Tower Hamlets registration court a peculiar question arose: Can a man be a British subject in South Africa and an alien in this country? The claimant produced a certificate showing that he had taken out certificate of naturalization as a British subject in South Africa, where he took the oath of allegiance to the Queen. But the revising barrister disallowed the claim, holding that the papers of naturalization produced did not apply to this country.

At twenty minutes to 2 on Wednesday morning a fire broke out at 33 and 34, Wellington-street, Strand, upon the premises of Mr. J. Bath, fruit and vegetable salesman. The police discovered the fire, which originated from an unknown cause, in the neighbourhood brought up speedily and from Scotland Yard, Holborn, and Clerkenwell. By the prompt application of a stand-pipe the firemen were enabled to save the upper portion of the building, but the lower part of the premises was severely damaged by fire, heat, smoke, and water.

Kent-street Baptist Chapel, Portsea, the oldest Nonconformist place of worship in the neighbourhood, was totally destroyed by fire early on Tuesday morning. A serious breakfast was to have been held there at 8 o'clock in the morning, in connection with a series of missionary meetings, and a large number of people were not aware of the fire until they arrived and saw the ruins. The fire is believed to have been caused by the overheating of a stove. The valuable collection of communion plate was destroyed, but some rare oil paintings have been preserved.

The chapel was insured for £2,000. A lecture hall adjoining was uninjured.

The Sandwich Islands alphabet has but twelve letters.

The week before last there were 10,000 cases of influenza in this country.

The registrar of the Primrose League is able to report a membership of 1,032,000.

Sir Arthur Sullivan has returned to London in improved health.

In a crowded restaurant none but the brave obtain the fare.

A friend in need is a friend who touches you for a half-crown.

It is better to have freckles on your face than spots on your reputation.

Next to discerning among the editor's favourite tools comes the adze.

The New York World asks for a tax on political machinery.

The London and Birmingham Railway has been opened sixty-one years.

The governments of Germany, France, and Italy have officially notified the recognition of the provisional government of Chili.

Probably the reason why the intoriated man sees double is that he uses such powerful glasses.

Men of a theoretical turn are like a good many of the theories themselves. They don't work.

There is nothing better than a boy with a pen-shooter for taking a man's mind off politics and business trouble.

Though a woman seldom, if ever, understands herself, let her alone for seeing clear through any other woman.

"Heart designs appear to be growing in favour," says a jewellery journal. Designs on the heart are also as popular as ever.

Mrs. Graham B. Thomson has collected in a single volume "all the best old poems in the English language." Ye merveus!

The Princess of Monaco plays at literary criticism—which is more a harmless and less expensive pastime than trumps or quarets.

The Boston Landlords' Association is the very latest. Its object is "the detection and suppression of the dead-beat tenant."

"Kisses for Two" is the name of the latest American stage production. It must be based on French duelling, *à la de sabbé*.

Of the 570,225 children of school age in Louisiana only 35,000 attend the public schools.

A lady in San Diego, California, is said to have succeeded in accumulating 970,000 postage stamps.

A white sparrow is just now to be seen daily flitting about the vicinity of Strathbungo railway station.

A telegram from Shanghai states that the Chinese Government contemplates addressing a circular to the European powers on the question of the anti-European disturbances.

Oliver Schreiner, the talented novelist, develops his literary strength as an athlete does his physical ditty—an underdone beefsteak.

Some one has discovered a way of making billiard balls out of condensed milk. These should be specially useful for "nursery" cannons.

Lady Tennyson, it is said, preserves carefully every pipe her husband smoked. In days to come people who possess Tennyson pipes will be as plentiful as those who own Nelson snuff-boxes.

The Chinese papers at Shanghai say that for some time past a bird of ill-omen has been making strange unearthly cries in the middle of the night, which "portend great mortality in the coming autumn."

Lord Tennyson, contrary to statements which have appeared, is still at Aldworth House, Haslemere, with Lady Tennyson and the Hon. Hamlyn Tennyson. He is enjoying excellent health.

The leading bass of the Carl Rosa Grand Opera Company—Mr. Arneley Cook—has been lying dangerously ill for the past three or four weeks in Dublin, and quite unable to appear in his customary parts.

Dr. Charles E. Ballard shot and killed Miss Bertha Leon, in Bloomington, Illinois, because she would not marry him. He then committed suicide. The girl had only asked that he should wait until her education was completed.

George, eldest son of Major Charles Bateman Priest, of Belmont, Tenby, was drowned off Tenby Pier on Wednesday afternoon. He was in a canoe, and it is supposed that he had a fit, as he was an excellent swimmer. His body was recovered.

A Birkenhead gentleman, named Grundy, who was on a visit to the Isle of Man, hired a bathing-machine at Douglas and went into the water. Soon afterwards he was seen floating face down, and on being brought to the shore was found to be dead.

Four youths, one the son of a retired general officer, two sons of a retired colonel in his Majesty's service, the whole of them Queen Elizabeth collegians, have been detected in playing pranks at Guernsey in the character of "Spring-heeled Jack" at night in unlighted suburbs.

The committee of the Seamen's Hospital Society have decided to open on the 1st of next month a new dispensary for sailors in the East India Dock-road, to meet the needs of the largely increasing number of seamen who are now congregating in this neighbourhood.

The modes of fishing for oysters are as various as the modes of rearing and eating. At Minorca the fisherman simply dives to the depth of seventy feet, and with one hand he carries him down. With the other hand he picks up as many oysters as he can carry, and brings them up to the boat.

The mayor of Neath is a social reformer in himself. At Neath Fair a man introduced the sale of an article in a speech with a very questionable double meaning. The mayor heard of it, and a few minutes later the orator was in the police station, and was not liberated until he promised to speak so that women might listen without blushing.

Ex-Governor Adams, of Colorado, who has heard some of Parnell's Irish orations, says of the Uncrowned King: "He is a forcible and convincing speaker, and to hear him is to believe what he says." Recent events in Ireland have shown that Mr. Adams is not alone in this peculiar hallucination.

At Wolverhampton an office boy, named Joseph Mantle, was remanded on a charge of stabbing another boy, named Frank Holmes. The prisoner and a number of youths quarrelled, and it is alleged that he stabbed Holmes in the back with a pocket-knife.

The fourteenth annual conference of the Librarians' Association was opened at Nottingham on Wednesday, under the presidency of Mr. Robert Harrison, who, in his inaugural address, claimed for the association a share of the honour of assisting the development of the free library movement. He suggested the formation of a librarians and curators' fund, and urged the necessity of passing for England a consolidating libraries Act.

There is (writes Woman) at least one healthy feature about Theosophy. A lady, who is one of the lights of the Theosophical Society, was for some years a fashionable "lady-dressmaker" in the West-end, and failed to meet her pecuniary engagements. All true Theosophical disciples are bound to "owe no man anything," and this lady is making an effort to pay up all her debts in the following day.

fall, although she is no longer legally liable to her creditors.

It is sometimes dangerous to collide with another man's train of thought.

When a man is hanged, the good that he has done is often buried with his bones.

We all have our little failings; it is only the privileged few who can fall for a million.

Whisky lowers the man, and man lowers the whisky.

It is the forger who knows the true value of a good name.

Even the vegetarian believes it is meet that he should eat.

If Eve "puts on airs," it may be urged in extenuation that she had little else to put on.

There are lots of women who wouldn't marry the best man on earth. They didn't, at all events.

Appropos of the recent municipal frauds in Philadelphia an American exchange facetiously observes that "striped suits are much worn by Philadelphia financiers this season."

Enthusiastic carmen may still be seen, in the intervals between the rainfalls, on the boom of the Thames. They are the last remnants of summer.

Mr. Windram, an Edinburgh gentleman, was raised by sudden illness while about his bath in the sea at Berwick. He shortly afterwards expired.

The portrait of Christopher Columbus, painted by Moro in 1540, which was lately purchased by Mr. C. F. Gunther for £2,000, has been sent to Chicago.

"I think," says Sir Richard Webster, "the labouring classes in Britain are safeguarded by a tolerably sound instinct as to right and wrong methods in dealing with their affairs."

There is in Great Britain one duly qualified elector to every six of the population; but to judge by the self-constructed importance of the duly-qualified one, any body might imagine that the ratio was the other way on.

In the course of his recent tour President Harrison, who is alluded to the golden rule as the national flower of the United States. He might have coupled with it the national idol—the golden calf.

Amalie Rives is distinguished for having a sonnet accepted for publication in the Century when she was only 15 years old. Many women of inferior talent might not meet with similar success in a century.

Mrs. Fanny Washington Finch is the nearest living kin of the great George Washington. She strongly resembles the hero of the hatchet story, and always tells the truth about her age.

What a queer thing language is, when to need a thing and to want it are precisely the same thing, and there are many men who need reforming, but can scarcely be said to hanker after it.

Geasi Pacha was the friend and companion of Gordon, not only in the Sudan, but also in the Crimea, and he did much to quell the slave trade in the Sudan. The Italians call him "The Garibaldi of Africa."

The little Crown Prince of Germany and his brother, Prince Adalbert, have just commenced to have violin lessons. Prince Adalbert, although only just 7, is said to possess great talent.

At Hampstead last year the death-rate was 13.1, the parish on the breezy heath affording its inhabitants a chance of life 50 per cent. better than inner London, where the rate for the twelvemonth was 20.3.

We are getting close to the millennium in the world of invention. An American genius has just announced that he has in preparation a railway carriage for the use of distinguished politicians and others. It will be propelled by the force now wasted in shaking hands prior to departure.

Mr. Blundell Maple, M.P., gave £15,000 for Common, the winner of The Thousand, Derby, and St. Leger. He has now been offered £20,000 for the horse. "The English turf," wired Mr. Maple to a would-be purchaser at Vienna, "requires Common's services."

Finah Thomson, of Passaic, New Jersey, who died last week, had been a coloured woman, but her skin had of late been gradually turning white. Her skin began to undergo the change about two years ago, and she became so frightened that she lived in rigorous retirement.

Mary Anderson once visited the grave of Sarah Siddons, and, horrified to find it neglected and forgotten, she much to the sexton's surprise, gave instructions for it to be kept in proper order. There, she remarks, "that is fame until and after death. No one to care for your grave."

A batch of vaccination cases appeared before the Ashford Bench. The proceedings were taken by the sanitary authority, in consequence of the small-pox outbreak. One defendant had been summoned upwards of thirty times. Orders were made for the children, twenty-three in number, to be vaccinated within fourteen days.

"That is a good hand," remarks a latter-day saint, "which deals out charity and kindness to one who has fallen by the wayside." But if the good hand happens to have a butchering connection with a bludge, a truncheon, and a helmet, it is only a common or garden "drunk" after all.

Mortemptions for Good Templars. If the Galignani Messenger is correctly informed, Seine water is to be served out to the people of the 1st and 2nd Arrondissements for a period of twenty days. Unless Seine water is badly labelled by its critics, the publicans will capture a large increase of business during those twenty days.

Owing to harvesting and hop-picking being carried on simultaneously this season there has been a great demand for foreign labour in Kent, and the influx has been enormous. Since the commencement of picking no less than 19,000 pickers have been brought into Canterbury, Ashford, and Maidstone districts, and pickers are still being eagerly sought after. Much of the harvest operations are standing still for the want of labour.

The Cape Government makes grants for public instruction to all sections of the community, from mission schools to the University. In the year ending June, 1890, it thus spent on 74,132 children £282,331, and the local expenditure was £116,293. This amounts to £43 10s. 5d. per scholar in average attendance, against £24 4s. 6d. per scholar in the elementary schools of Great Britain.

The receipts on account of revenue from the 1st of April, 1891, when there was £25,670,397, to September 12th, 1891, were £25,670,397 against £26,276,191 in the corresponding period of the preceding financial year, which began with a balance of £25,230,301. The net expenditure was £28,179,148 against £26,523,400 to the same date in the previous year. The Treasury balances on September 12th, 1891, amounted to £22,059,337 and at the same date in 1890 to £1,310,994.

Julia Murray, aged 22, a single woman, living at Camp Field, Leeds, retired to bed about midnight, and placed a lighted candle by her bedside commenced to read. She fell asleep, but was awakened by feeling pain, when she found that the bed-clothes were in flames. She jumped out on to the floor and ran into the street calling for help. A man named Thomas Ellis, who came to her assistance, succeeded in extinguishing the flames. The police were summoned, and the cause of the fire was ascertained. She is now in the infirmary, where she died the following day.

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